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### PROTECTING INDUSTRY

#### LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD'S DUTY

#### SETTLING AMERICA STRIKE DISPUTES

Washington, Sept. 26.  
On the heels of an announcement that the N.R.A. would be revised, President Roosevelt today announced a new step for the safeguarding of interests of manufacturers and labour by the appointment of a Labour Relations Board for the textile industry.

This Board will endeavour to settle all disputes arising out of the recent strike, which was abandoned on Saturday last when the unions gained their salient points.

Chief Justice Walter Stacey of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, will be acting chairman of the Board for a fortnight. The other members are Rear-Admiral Henry Wiley and Mr. James Mulenbac, the Labour arbitrator. All three are members of the Steel Industry Labour Relations Board.—*Reuter*.

#### RUBBER QUOTAS FINALLY FIXED

#### Holland Reports Of Agreement

London, Sept. 26.  
The *Financial Times* Amsterdam correspondent learns in well-informed quarters that the Rubber Control Committee has practically settled the differences among producer-nations regarding restrictions.

It is announced that the quota for the first quarter—or half—of 1935 will be approximately 30 per cent.—*Reuter*.

#### WELSH MINE DISASTER FUND

#### Further Local Donations Received

To the Fund opened by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of the sufferers and dependents in the Wrexham mine disaster, in which over 200 lives were lost, we have received the following donations:

Already acknowledged... \$5.00.  
Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Pereira 15.00.  
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#### BRITISH-AMERICAN YACHT RACE

#### United States Win The First Race For Cup

Oyster Bay, Long Island,  
Sept. 26.

America won the first race for the British-American six metre yachts cup to-day, totalling 20½ points to Britain's 10 points. All four American boats finished before the British contestants.

Anis won the race completing the course in 2 hours 18 minutes 45 seconds, while Kyla, the first British boat in took 2 hours 23 minutes 25 seconds. The twelve mile course was windward and leeward, and the yachts finished in the following order:

Anis, Challenger, Bobcat, Lucio (United States), Kyla, Saskia, Molita, and Vorna (Britain).

Knocked down by a lorry on the main road between Pingshan and Un Long yesterday, Choy Chuan was admitted yesterday to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries which included a broken arm.

### LEAGUE ACTION REQUESTED

#### GENEVA OPINION SHARPLY DIVIDED

#### PRESIDENT SANDLER LIKELY TO EVADE DECISION (SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Geneva, Sept. 26.

M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister and chief of Russia's delegation to the League of Nations, has made it apparent that he believes the day of usefulness of the Disarmament Conference has passed and that the League Council must reassume responsibility for this problem.

During an informal luncheon with other members of the League Council, M. Litvinoff produced the text of a draft resolution, drawn by him and already sent to the President of the League Assembly, suggesting that the League Council should receive a report from the President of the Disarmament Conference, Mr. Arthur Henderson, with regard to the present state of the work of the Conference.

The resolution also requested that the League Council should decide upon the procedure to be followed in connection with Disarmament matters in the future.

#### MIXED RECEPTION.

M. Litvinoff's suggestions apparently have met with a very mixed reception in the lobbies at Geneva.

It is pointed out, for instance, that the League Assembly had already decided not to discuss the Disarmament question this session. It is considered likely, therefore, that M. Sandler, President of the Assembly, will suggest an adjournment of the Litvinoff proposals, without committing the Assembly or the Council in any way.—*Reuter Special*.

### PRESSURE ON GOLD NATIONS

#### DEVALUATION OF FRANC LIKELY

#### STABILISATION DISCUSSIONS

Washington, Sept. 26.  
Despite opposition by the French Cabinet, devaluation of the franc is becoming more attractive to practical politico-economists in France. Paris expects the sterling-franc rate to go to 70 or below, after which pressure on Belgium, Holland and Switzerland is likely to force them off gold.

A world factor of major importance is the spread of the exchange clearing system throughout the Continent. British opinion is that exchange clearing is likely to become the world system.

Future stabilisation of international currencies is under full unofficial discussion. The tendency will be to fix too high a price for gold, a result of which should be an international increase in commodity prices which would possibly be the forerunner of a more than temporary recovery.—*Swan, Culbertson and Fritz*.

A patient, Man Shin, who was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, was found to be suffering from the effects of an overdose of bella donna, which he took in an attempt to relieve a pain.

#### TYPHOON SOUTH OF COLONY

#### Another Lucky Escape

Hongkong is again fortunate in escaping a typhoon, the latest depression being situated about 250 miles south of Hongkong at 10 o'clock this morning, moving West or W.S.W.

The disturbance is thus passing well south of the Colony, heading for the coast near Hainan. The local weather forecast is: N.E. winds, strong, moderating; cloudy with rain.

#### RUSO-AMERICAN DEBT ACCORD

#### FULL AGREEMENT NOW FORESEEN

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Sept. 26.

President Roosevelt to-day indicated that the Government expected that the Russo-American debt problems would ultimately be solved.

Solution was probable, he said, in spite of the slowness of negotiations now proceeding between American representatives and the Soviet Minister at Washington.—*United Press*.

Attempting to alight from a moving bus at Aberdeen yesterday, Chang Sau, a native of Wong Chuk Hang village, was seriously injured when he landed on his face and broke his jaw. A woman at Whitfield was seriously injured, her skull being fractured when she also attempted to alight from a tram before it had stopped.

His right thumb smashed when caught under a heavy weight, a Tai-koo Dockyard hand, Sin Tsang, was admitted to hospital yesterday. The mishap occurred on the s.s. Chichibu Maru, which was in dock.



M. Litvinoff.

### CUNARD AMBITION

#### SECOND SHIP LIKE "QUEEN MARY"

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AT LAUNCHING

London, Sept. 26.

There was no hitch in proceeding when the giant Cunard, Queen Mary was launched on the Clyde to-day. Within one minute of Her Majesty the Queen's presence on the release button, she was safely afloat. Tugs were quickly in position around her and half hour later she was in position for berthing in the neighbouring dock where work of fitting out the 72,000-ton liner will take place. It will not be completed until 1936.

The King and Queen, who had travelled by special train from Balmoral, were joined at the station in Glasgow by the Prince of Wales and as they drove through decorated streets to the shipyard the Royal Party was accorded a great reception. Their arrival on the platform from which launching ceremony took place was the signal for a great outburst of cheering.

In an address of welcome Sir Percy Bates, Chairman of the Cunard-White Star Company, referred to the period of acute crisis through which British shipping was passing.

"The right attitude on our part is surely neither to complain nor to acquiesce, but to take a course of true confidence and adventure," he said. "That is the justification and inspiration of this new ship, and her launching by Her Majesty is the happiest omen for her on her high mission."

H.M. the King, who wore the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, expressed thanks for the loyal address.

After the launching, the King and other distinguished guests were entertained to tea when Sir Percy Bates announced that the "assistance given to our enterprise by the Government has given us great encouragement."

"Government arrangements with the Cunard include provisions for a second ship. As soon as we are less pressed with work on this ship which has just been launched, we shall turn our attention in that direction, for a second ship will be necessary to reap the full measure of success for which we have planned," he added.—*British Wireless*.

#### IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: President Piore, Kulmoriand, Nagats Maru, Theosau, General Lee, Clyde Maru, President McKinley, Agamemnon, President Hayes, Tokushima Maru.

### SEA STRENGTH BALANCE

#### MANCHUKUO'S HELP FOR JAPAN?

#### AMERICA DISTURBED BY POSSIBILITIES (SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Washington, Sept. 26.

There is a feeling abroad in the United States that Japan may side-step the provisions of Naval Treaties in a perfectly lawful manner, but in such a way that efforts at a naval understanding between the great sea powers might be made abortive.

In response to press inquiries regarding the attitude of the United States Government should the Government of Manchukuo decide to construct a navy which would, in reality, be an auxiliary of the sea forces of Japan, as suggested in a recent Tokyo despatch to a New York newspaper, Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, replied that the subject could only be discussed, if and when it arose, at the Naval Conference.

Meanwhile, the United States is conducting defensive experiments with sea and air forces in the Pacific. The plans for the gigantic naval manoeuvres next spring spring in North Pacific waters have already been announced.

#### AIR ADVENTURE.

Now, in order to test the ability of big naval seaplanes in defensive patrol work around the Hawaiian Islands, a mass flight of these machines is planned.

Rear-Admiral Alfred W. Johnson, Commander of the Fleet Air Force Patrol Wing, announced to-day that forty-eight Navy flying boats, now at Pearl Harbour, would embark in March on a flight around the entire Hawaiian group and that their destination was an unnamed point in mid-Pacific.—*United Press*.

### FRIENDSHIP OF CHINA

#### IMPORTANT TO ITALY

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Rome, Sept. 26.  
The official elevation of the Italian Legation to an Embassy in China has been effected that it may correspond with the position of importance China now holds as a great world power, says an announcement from the Government.

Rome also appreciates the importance of the political, economic and cultural relations between China and Italy and wishes to signify that appreciation in some tangible way. The elevation of the Legation is considered a step towards closer relations between the two nations.—*United Press*.

#### CHINESE EXPORTERS

Nanking, Sept. 26.

At the request of Chinese exporters of eggs, who complain that their trade has been severely affected by recently promulgated customs rates imposed by the British and French Governments, the Nanking Ministry of Industry is investigating with a view to formulating measures for the protection of their interests.—*Central News*.

#### STOCK MARKET CONTROL

#### Introduction Of Rules Delayed

Washington, Sept. 26.  
Application of the new Stock Market marginal requirements, which range from 25 to 45 per cent. on some issues, has been postponed to October 15, as the Federal Reserve Board is unable to agree on certain points.

The new requirements are being bitterly opposed by brokers, who are afraid that they will reduce the liquidity of the market.—*Reuter*.

### Rare Coins Stolen From Collector

#### FAMOUS COLLECTION MELTED FOR GOLD?

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Paris, Sept. 26.  
A valuable collection of Fourth Century coins, pieces of the time of Emperor Constantine, of Thirteenth Century "small Royals" and other tokens of the days of Philippe the Fourth, were among the hundred rare specimens stolen last night from M. Etienne Bourgey.

The collection was valued at £15,000. Burglars broke into the study of M. Bourgey, the well-known numismatist, and rifled his collection cases.

Experts fear that the rare coins will have been melted down for their gold by now and that there will be little chance of recovering any of them, though there are hopes that the thieves may be captured.—*Reuter Special*.

#### CYCLIST BADLY INJURED

#### HITS WALL & DROPS INTO NULLAH

Chan Kam, living at Yaumati, was riding an ordinary bicycle yesterday when he collided with the wall of a nullah near the No. 6 Railway Bridge, in Argyle Street. He was catapulted over the handle-bars and landed in the nullah, receiving injuries of a serious nature. The victim was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

### H.K. Dollar Rises With Silver

#### HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 1930

#### AMERICA MAY RAISE PRICE

For the first time since 1930, the Hongkong dollar has reached the 1s. 7d. mark, this being the official quotation this morning.

The rise follows the advance in silver prices in London yesterday. Locally, the market was very dull this morning, with practically no business passing.

Silver in London rose a farthing yesterday, making the spot price 22.1/16d., the highest since 1929. The advance was chiefly due to less China selling and further buying by America, India and speculators. The tone of the market at the close was uncertain.

#### U. S. BUYING.

The New York *Wall Street Journal*, according to advices received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, reports that the United States Smelting Corporation declared a dividend of \$2 per share bringing the total so far for 1934 to \$40, including an extra dividend of \$4.50. This is the highest in the history of the Company, and is due to Government buying of silver.

From the same source it is reported that there are fresh rumours that the U.S. Treasury plans to increase the price of silver.

#### SWEDEN'S POLICY.

New York, Sept. 26.

A report that Sweden intends withdrawing from the sterling bloc, and is considering dollar allegiance, is taken as evidence that the United States monetary policy will have a preponderant effect upon world prices.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

#### MONTREAL EXCHANGE.

New York, Sept. 26.

The opening of the Montreal Silver Exchange has been postponed to October 3, declared representatives of the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges when interviewed by *Reuter*, owing to the state of the negotiations between the two Stock Exchanges for the establishment in the respective cities of silver futures trading.—*Reuter*.

#### NEW HIGH RECORD IN LONDON

London, Sept. 26.

Although to-day's further rise in the price of silver is generally attributed to speculation, and opinion is divided as to how much America is actually buying, authoritative information from New York is that President Roosevelt must continue buying in order to appease some politicians. It is thought, however, that the President will limit the purchase to the smallest possible amount.

London financiers believe that American speculators have overbought. This position, which a few months ago, was most heavy, is now liquidated, thus removing what was hitherto an uncertain factor.

Bankers are still entirely uninformed regarding the extent of China's silver embargo; but Chinese speculators are reported to be both buying and selling in London.

The psychological factor is not unimportant, in that, 22 pence is the highest price for the metal since December, 1929, and is regarded as a sort of "bullish" signal, and an assurance that the barrier to silver speculators may be stimulated to further heights.—*Our Own Correspondent*.



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## TRAINING OF CHILDREN PUNISHMENTS CAN BE CRUEL

By Olive Roberts Barton

Years ago, I read in one of Rider Haggard's about a hero imprisoned in a secret cave. He described the quiet and the darkness with such reality and the terror of that absolute silence so vividly that although the plot and story are gone, that chapter still lingers to haunt me.

Prisoners in solitary confinement in deep dungeons often go mad. The mold and vermin, the starvation and bodily torture are nothing, those who recover relate in their memoirs, compared to the thundering silence.

Therefore it would seem that man's senses were not made to stand a void. They were not made to experience silence. The silence of long vast distances under the sky, the peace of night, and the reveries of mountain tops—these are not voids. They are filled with sounds of nature, often indistinguishable but satisfying to the subconscious mind. One feels contact somehow with mysterious forces. He belongs at last to the universe and something tells him so. It is different from the loneliness of imprisonment between walls.

### CLOSET PUNISHMENT.

When a child is punished by being shut away in a closet, to him it is just a closet, a cubicle in which the sinner can meditate on his sin, cut off from human souls.

But to the poor little prisoner, with his child's imagination, it is Rider Haggard's cave, the medieval dungeon, the pit of a most frightful loneliness. Its silence he exaggerates, its darkness and smallness are added horrors. He peoples it with monsters beyond the pale of fairy tales.

There is probably no agony of mind invented by man equal to that of completely black imprisonment.

### LACKS IMAGINATION.

One would think that even the most ignorant would know this. And yet, only recently I talked to a mother who regarded this type of punishment as the mildest she could inflict. And she is not an ignorant person in the least.

It was simply impossible for her to project her mind into a dark hole where egress was impossible save at the pleasure of an angry person who had to cool off.

The parent with any imagination at all would never try it. It is a terrible thing, indeed.

## ARMS SMUGGLED INTO BRITAIN

AMERICAN MAKERS  
WORST OFFENDERS

London, Sept. 25.

Any London criminal can get as many revolvers and machine-guns as he wants here provided he knows where to go.

Special Scotland Yard officers are working night and day to break up a powerful gang which has been running guns into London for years.

It is stated that they know the identity of at least three big unlicensed distributors of firearms, but raids on suspected hide-outs have so far failed to locate any caches.

Most of the firearms are of American manufacture, and are said to be smuggled in by seamen. Large quantities also come from France and Belgium.—United Press.

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## Easy Chance For £5,000

BUT—MRS. PATTON  
WON'T MARRY

Cincinnati, Sept. 25.

Unless she is married by October 28, Mrs. Josephine B. Patton, Norwood, a widow who admits being "around forty" will lose £5,000.

Information to the effect that the time limit on a conditional legacy expires on that date was verified by Mrs. Patton recently. She said the bequest was made by a former admirer she had refused to wed years ago. She would not disclose his name nor where he lives. Although she has "no hopes of claiming the money," Mrs. Patton said she was not worrying about the loss.

"I have just started in a new business," she said, "and I am more concerned in its success than in anything else."

Mrs. Patton said her husband had been dead 16 years and that any time within the last 11 years she could have had the £25,000 by getting married.—United Press.

## "WILL EMPTY OUR CHURCHES"

Broadcast Services  
Condemned

The opinion that broadcast religion will empty the churches was one of several striking views expressed by Dr. J. H. Reginald Dixon, opening a discussion on broadcast services at the Congress of the Incorporated Association of Organists at Portsmouth recently. "You cannot broadcast a soul," said Dr. Dixon, who is organist of Lancaster Cathedral, "neither can you broadcast a soul's highest aspirations, and this is prayer. Though words of prayers may be spoken into a microphone, yet the Almighty God is not to be regarded as listening in to the loud-speaker. Neither can one imagine him as a humble eaves-dropper, curious to hear what a speaker says to the microphone. When a person communes with his Maker, all thoughts of broadcast technique come as intrusions to spoil his devotions. Therefore prayer is one of the least suitable subjects for broadcasting. Again, for similar reasons, preces and responses are also unsuitable, unless all ideas of sincerity are to be ignored."

Dr. Dixon said that the microphone showed up unexpected blemishes in unaccompanied choral singing. Unless a choir had exceptional ability this form of music should not be broadcast. An occasional item by the choir accompanied might be attempted, but he stressed the value of congregational singing with organ accompaniment.

The reading of Scripture seemed an overdone feature, he went on. The doings of Noah and Nadab of Jehoshaphat, Jonah and Jeroboam could be read at leisure by all who were interested.

"LITTLE TO DO WITH WORSHIP." "They have very little to do with real worship, and only tend to divert attention from the real purpose for which religion stands. Cut them down," he said.

The talks and sermons should reach a more positive level of instruction and encouragement than the cold and neutral spirit of benevolence to have identified itself.

More life, energy, and persuasiveness would result were every preacher permitted to give his complete message in full accord with the doctrines of his church, the only condition being to avoid giving hurt or annoyance to those of different creeds. He would like also to see given, every Sunday, a broadcast by each of the principal religious bodies in the country, instead of as at present an unbalanced scheme. Other religious bodies, such as the Unitarians, Jews, Greek Orthodox, and Swedenborgians might be given an occasional broadcast.

"But do not let us regard a broadcast service as a substitute for the real thing," said Dr. Dixon. "The real thing cannot be broadcast."

The object should be to provide a foretaste of the joys to come in actual attendance at a service.

"Passive B.B.C. broadcast religion will empty our churches, as so much passive listening-in has emptied our concert halls and teaching studios," he said.

QUESTION OF PAYMENT. Dr. Dixon went on to say that he did not think the B.B.C. ought to expect church officials to do the extra work entailed by a broadcast service, without financial recompense. Organists' salaries were not on a princely scale.

The B.B.C. is neither a charitable society nor a poor relation," he said. "It receives sufficient public money to justify our asking them to consider the adequate payment of those who contribute to the programmes."

He pointed out that many listeners to church services did not contribute to the collection, but did contribute to the B.B.C. This body should, therefore, in strict justice, mete out to the churches and their officers a fair share of the collection money.

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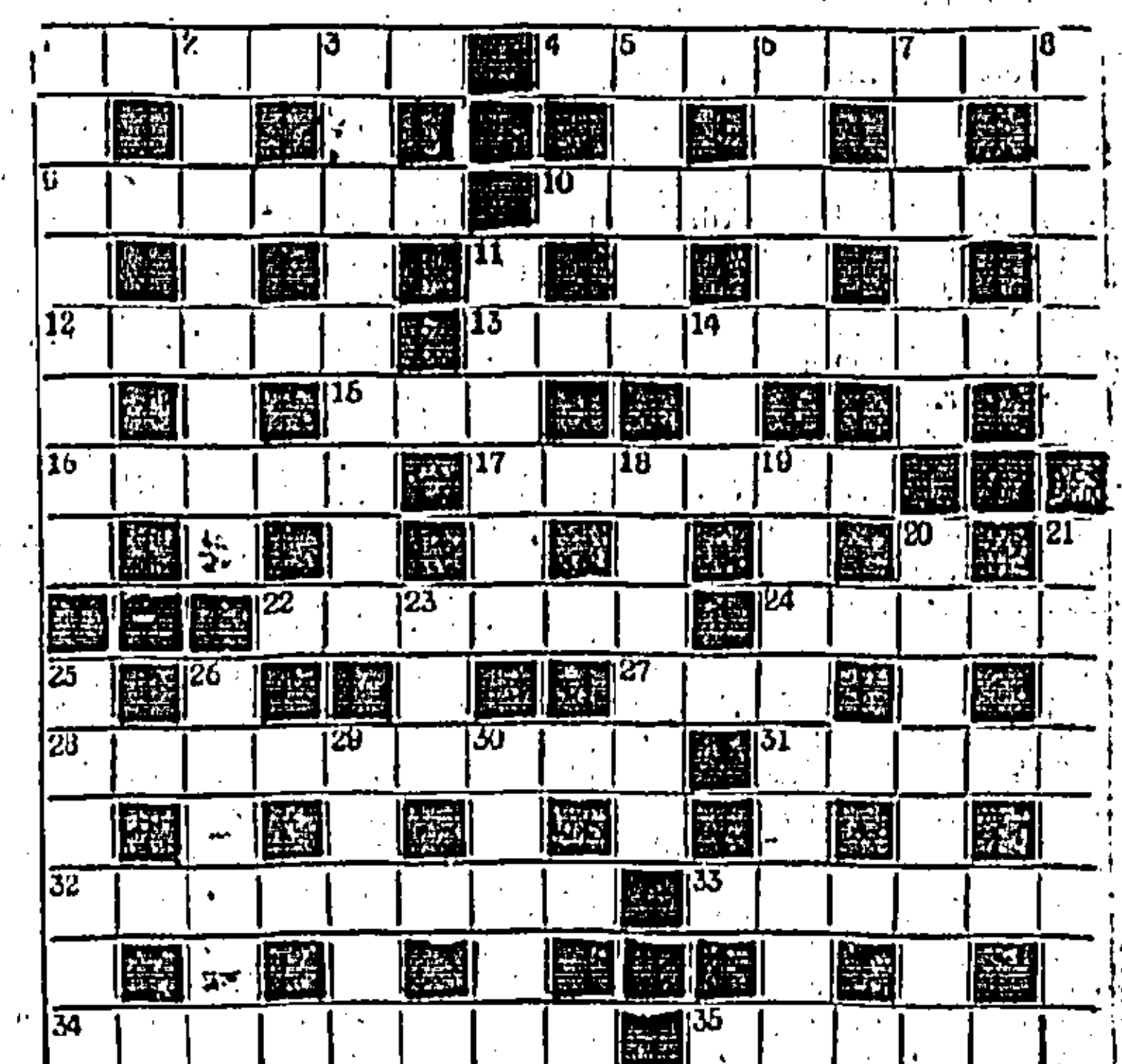
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- 9 This isn't, really, anything until a period of time makes it of service to a policeman.
- 10 Leave.
- 12 A note of quantity.
- 13 Someone has described these as humorous cast-off clothes.
- 15 Bold remark if made to a bird reversed in the fireplace.
- 16 Shows that there is a strain of some sort.
- 17 It's most peculiar.
- 22 Not so fresh as its own story helps to show.
- 24 A animal, if you will allow me to say so.
- 27 Ancestral tree.
- 28 Friends.
- 31 Liquid container (rev.).
- 32 Take cover and seem not to see, for it means to deceive.
- 33 Can it be a fast dye? There's nothing to show that it doesn't run at last.
- 34 Poor reds (anag.).
- 35 There's a change for the girl you want.

### Down

- 1 It's just a guess that I'm in my own property, but it will be correct.
- 2 So ripping that it deprives one of sense—of proportion, shall we say?
- 3 Here I offer a suitable position for a sleeping partner.
- 5 Merely show.

- 6 Made in Roman gulso.
- 7 This annual competition keeps its distance.
- 8 Suitable for formal occasions.
- 11 Where children and whales meet.
- 14 It's all up.
- 18 Imprisonment is indicated, so make tracks for these.
- 20 What's wrong in the dish? It's simply diabolical!
- 21 Lets the demon appear.
- 23 A laugh.
- 25 One wonders why intelligence should make her fade, but there you are.
- 26 Mixed sports for men.
- 29 Cut down, so we hear, to be the fashion.
- 30 Leave at the end of this dance.

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# CIVIC PLANNING 5,000 YEARS AGO

## AMAZING DISCOVERIES IN INDUS VALLEY

BY DR. J. M. MACFIC

Royal tombs, palaces and temples belonging to the 4th millennium B.C. have been unearthed in Egypt and Ur of the Chaldees. We have grown accustomed to all that. At best such gorgeous remains are remote from common life. But nobody expected to read of a populous town, carefully built and carefully planned, with straight streets running true to the points of the compass, with an elaborate drainage system, substantial houses made of bricks that are practically indestructible, provided with baths, and in some cases with central heating; with a great public bath also, to which final luxury no parallel can be found till the period of the Romans is reached.

And yet all these wonders have been brought to light during the last twelve years in Northern India, showing that 5,000 years ago the people of the Indus valley enjoyed a civilisation that in certain respects was superior to anything that Mesopotamia and Egypt possessed. In those other countries, as Sir John Marshall, head of the Indian Archaeological Department has said, money and thought were lavished on temples, palaces, and tombs, while the rest of the people had to be content with houses built of mud. On the banks of the Indus it was all the other way; there is no trace, so far at least, of either temples or palaces. The solid build-



Japanese school girls must learn how to bandage wounded soldiers—just in case.

ings that have defied the ravages of time are the dwellings of the citizens.

### DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT.

The ancient remains to which we refer were discovered only by accident at a place called Mohenjodaro, or Mound of the Dead, on the banks of the River Indus about 200 miles north of Karachi. The late Mr. Banerji, one of Sir John Marshall's colleagues in the year 1922, had started to dig around the ruins of a Buddhist monastery and stupas. As the work progressed he discovered several seals with inscriptions in a script not yet deciphered, similar to others that had been found only the year before at Harappa in the Punjab. These seals it was conclusively proved belonged to the Chalcolithic Age, when implements of stone were still in use. This discovery led to systematic excavations, which are still going on and they reveal in the areas that have been dealt with so far, two long streets 30 feet broad, carefully planned at right angles to one another, with narrower streets and lanes between, also constructed in straight lines.

The houses that line these streets are built in terrace fashion, but they are self-contained, so self-contained that they are not content with party walls. Indeed, the solidity of these dwellings would amaze the owner of one of our present-day bungalows, for the outer walls are frequently four or five feet thick. The smallest houses that have been unearthed contain two rooms, and not unnaturally have been built of more flimsy material. On the other hand, there are houses, with more than 60 rooms, which, it has been suggested, were intended as residences for their gods and attendants. But nothing has been found in any of them that would suggest a sacred character. They contain three central courtyards open to the sky, and are more likely to have been family houses with accommodation for several generations of close kindred, such as sometimes occurs with Hindu households at the present day.

### PAVED BATHROOM.

One medium-sized house has been carefully described. The upper storey has disappeared. It had been constructed at least partly of wood, the charred remains of which—deodar from the Himalayas—are still visible. But the ground floor had a central courtyard with kitchen annex, a row of small rooms presumably for servants, a well, and a bathroom carefully paved to avoid leaking, and possessed of a service window through which soiled garments could be passed. Drainage pipes lead from this bathroom and also from the upper storey to the bigger and covered drains which line both sides of every street.

It takes us beyond the purpose of this article, but it was not only in town planning and house building that the Indus valley civilisation excelled. One cannot forbear quoting Sir John Marshall's tribute to two small statues of the human form that they are work of which a Greek of the 4th. century B.C. might well have been proud.

It is manifest from these discoveries that the early history of Indus will have to be re-written. We were taught to believe that when the Aryans invaded India from the North-West they found the country in the possession of a black-skinned barbarian people, whom they spoke of as slaves. Such aborigines there no doubt were. They are in India still. But it is very remarkable that a people so intelligent and cultured as the race which could produce the Hymns of the Rig Veda should have remained ignorant of, or perhaps chosen to ignore, this much earlier civilisation, a civilisation which cannot have been confined to the banks of the Indus.

### SLOBBERY KISSES

#### Those "Bright Young Things"

The conduct of "bright young things" at a fashionable dance is criticised by Lady Beatrix Dunsley in a letter to the *London Morning Post*.

She writes:—

I go to few dances nowadays, but when I do I have been shocked at the many drunken people one sees. Not so long ago I went to a fashionable ball in England, where a great many "bright young things" had all "done themselves too well", as the saying goes.

One party in particular attracted my notice—two very pretty, very young girls with several young men cat-calling and lurching at supper, where they sat together. A champagne bottle was flung over one girl, who was dripping wet. The rest of the party showed no concern, surprise, or even merriment. They gazed at her with half-closed eyes and dull expressions.

Later, on I saw a very pretty girl, with half the paint rubbed off her face and untidy hair, being pushed about between two young men propped up in a doorway. Finally she flung herself on to one and started a slobbery kissing all over his face. There were servants standing about looking on. These were all children of well-known people—some who bear historic names.

### DEGENERACY AND ROTTENNESS.

A young married woman I knew slightly staggered up to us and talked nonsense. My party told me they were accustomed to such scenes, but I can only say it horrified and distressed me. The odd thing is that no one else seemed to mind or pay any attention. The example set is deplorable—and the poorer classes are only too ready to ape their so-called "superiors"!

What sort of parents will these be in the future, and what will their progeny be like? Sudden with drink, smoke, and no self-restraint! The "smart set" fathers and mothers of the present day seem too busy to pay heed to their offspring—many of them engaged in the pursuit of other husbands and wives.

Was it not so in the days of the decline of Rome? Is "the writing on the wall"? Will our Empire not also totter and fall?

Are there no people left with vision and courage to protest and fight against all the degeneracy and rottenness of our age before it is too late?

### STUDYING BRITISH GRID SYSTEM

#### FOREIGN EXPERTS COME TO LEARN

London, Sept. 25.

Experts from abroad recently arrived in England to study the big British "electricity grid" which is to harness and drive, as a team of nine, all the generating stations in England, Scotland and Wales.

This £27,000,000 "grid" was begun in 1926 and has just been completed, though the nine districts will not be physically harnessed together until 1936 when, it is anticipated, all the generating stations and consumers will be converted to the same "standard of frequency," and every corner of the United Kingdom will be able to tap abundant and cheap electric current.

The investigators arrive at an opportune moment, for the "grid" as a transmission system is now complete, has solved all its numerous legal problems, and to the general surprise, has had its first big breakdown.—*United Press*.



New "detectors" used by the French army in the defence of the frontier from air attacks.

### STRUCK FIRST MATCH.

#### PLAN FOR STATUE OF INVENTOR.

The tradesmen of Budapest are starting a movement to raise funds for a statue of the man who struck the first match.

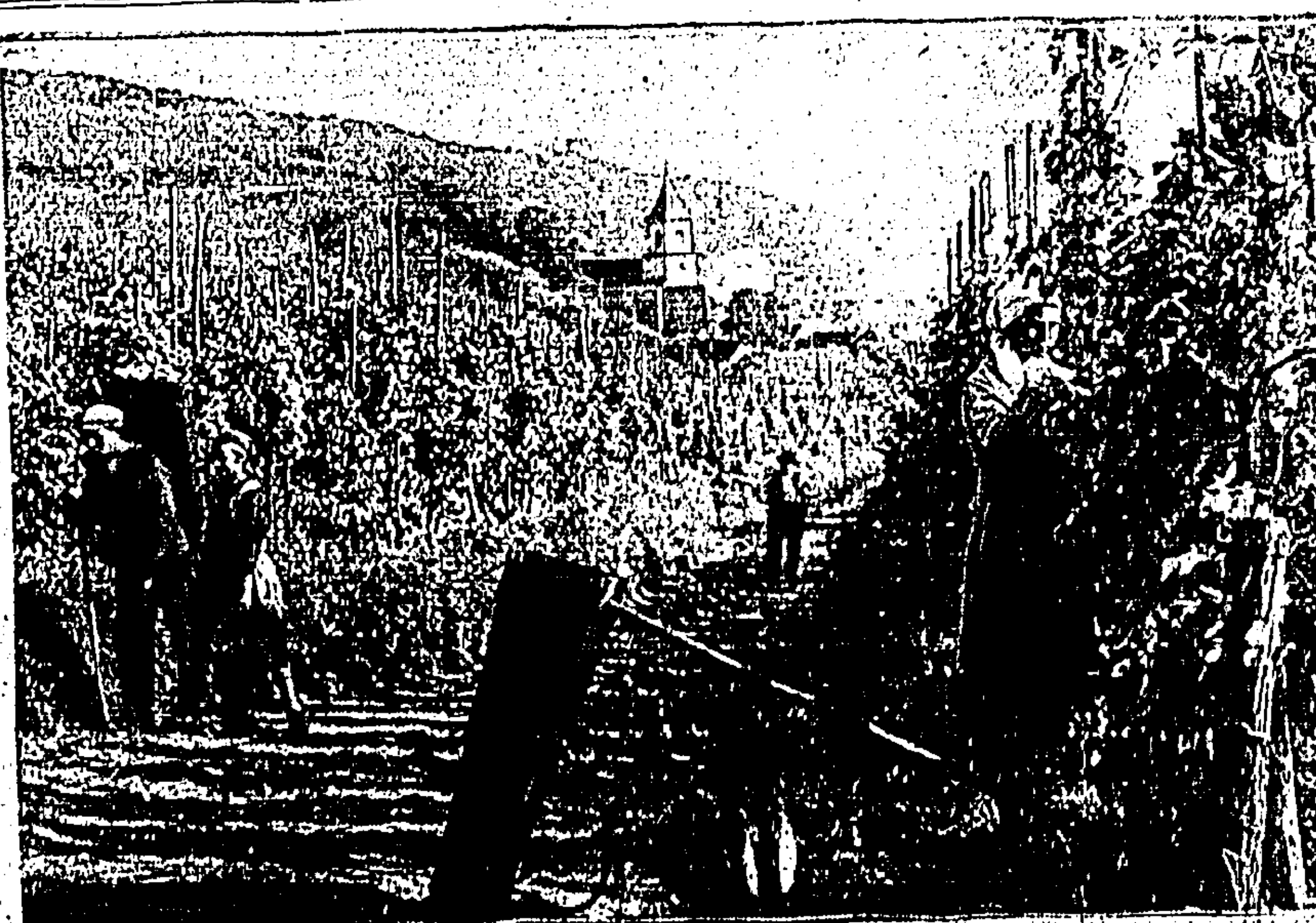
The Hungarians say that the match was invented by Janos Irinyi.

That was in 1836 when he was carrying out experiments at the Vienna Technical High School.

Irinyi sold his invention for £5.

Stamps showing Irinyi striking a match will be issued and stuck on all matchboxes and it is hoped that the small extra charge will provide more than enough money to erect a statue and memorial tablet on the site of Irinyi's First Match Factory in Budapest.

All relics bearing on his life and work are to be collected and presented to the Hungarian Museum.



The time of the grape gathering, though it means arduous toil, is one of the jollity and excitement, particularly when the harvest is good. Here, on the Rhine, is a picturesque scene of the vineyards.



Senator Huey Long of Louisiana, believes in asking for what he wants, and shouting if he doesn't get it. He's the man who started private "war" in New Orleans.

### PAINLESS BIRTHS

#### Reported Success Of New Gas Method

#### NO DANGER

It has been said that until recently the progress attained in the relief of pain during childbirth came to a standstill with the word of Simpson. The use of chloroform capsules and the support provided by the National Birthday Trust Fund have certainly altered this state of affairs, writes a *London Morning Post* correspondent.

The ideal anæsthetic which could be used by midwives or by doctors engaged in a busy general practice has, however, not been altogether provided by the chloroform capsules, and some experts have definitely criticised their use on the grounds of danger and to a lesser extent of expense. During the past few months extensive trials of a simple gas apparatus have demonstrated another possible solution of the problem.

Gas is delivered from a cylinder in the ordinary way through a reduced pressure valve which enables a small rubber bag enclosed in a metal drum to be slowly filled. When this bag is full the flow of gas is automatically shut off. The gas is administered in a mixture with air (about one part of gas to two of air) through a closely fitting rubber mask.

#### INGENIOUS SYSTEM.

This mask is fitted with a spring finger-release which is pressed down during inspiration. Should the pressure be released then the gas supply is cut off and the patient breathes air only.

A portable machine, weighing about 15 lb. without the gas cylinders, will allow of the machine being carried into the home. Once the mask has been adjusted the patient can control the gas supply herself by the finger-spring device already described. The object is to secure relief of pain without loss of consciousness, and should the degree of depression become too great the pressure of the patient's fingers automatically releases and reduces the depth of anaesthesia.

Scientific work has shown that, self-administered in this way, there is no danger to mother or child. The method has been tried at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, and at University College Hospital.

It is stated that the education of nurses in the use of the method is to be begun at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital, and mean-

### DEAD SOLDIER RETURNS

#### UNRECOGNISED BY WIFE.

Twenty years ago, Fedor Tofei went to the war as a soldier in the Rumanian Army. Officially listed as dead, he returned home this month, according to a message from Bukharest, says Reuter from Paris.

Trembling with excitement he approached his front door. It was opened by his wife, who had remarried. Instead of being welcomed with open arms, the dusty, fearful Fedor found himself roundly accused of being an impostor.

Broken-hearted he turned away and in despair visited some old friends, hoping they would recognise traces of the boy of 20 in the haggard, weather-beaten man he had become through incredible hardships. They traced faint resemblances.

The authorities and the police were able to produce several men who had been his fellow-prisoners in Russian camps. These were able to corroborate parts of his story. Taken prisoner by the Russians, Fedor had been sent for into the Caucasus. He escaped in 1917, and ever since, he had led a wandering existence, enduring great hardships, and being constantly harried, as he had no civil identity papers and no money.

Always he worked his way in the direction of Rumania. Finally he escaped over the U.S.S.R. frontier, under the fire of the Soviet guards. His home is in Prienle, Transylvania, and there is to be what is regarded as a happy ending to his odyssey. The authorities have overcome the difficulty of his being officially dead, and have restored to him his name. As for his wife, he has renounced all claim to her, and handed her over to her present "husband." He is now seeking for another.

while not a few doctors have already learned the value of the apparatus in their own practice.

Dr. R. J. Minnitt is largely responsible for the details of the method, which is fully described in the current issue of the "Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine." The amount of gas used is about 35 gallons per hour, and obviously both the initial cost of the apparatus and the cost of the gas will materially affect the popularity of the method.

The success so far reported, however, well justifies further trials, and the economic aspects can shortly be reviewed by the experts.



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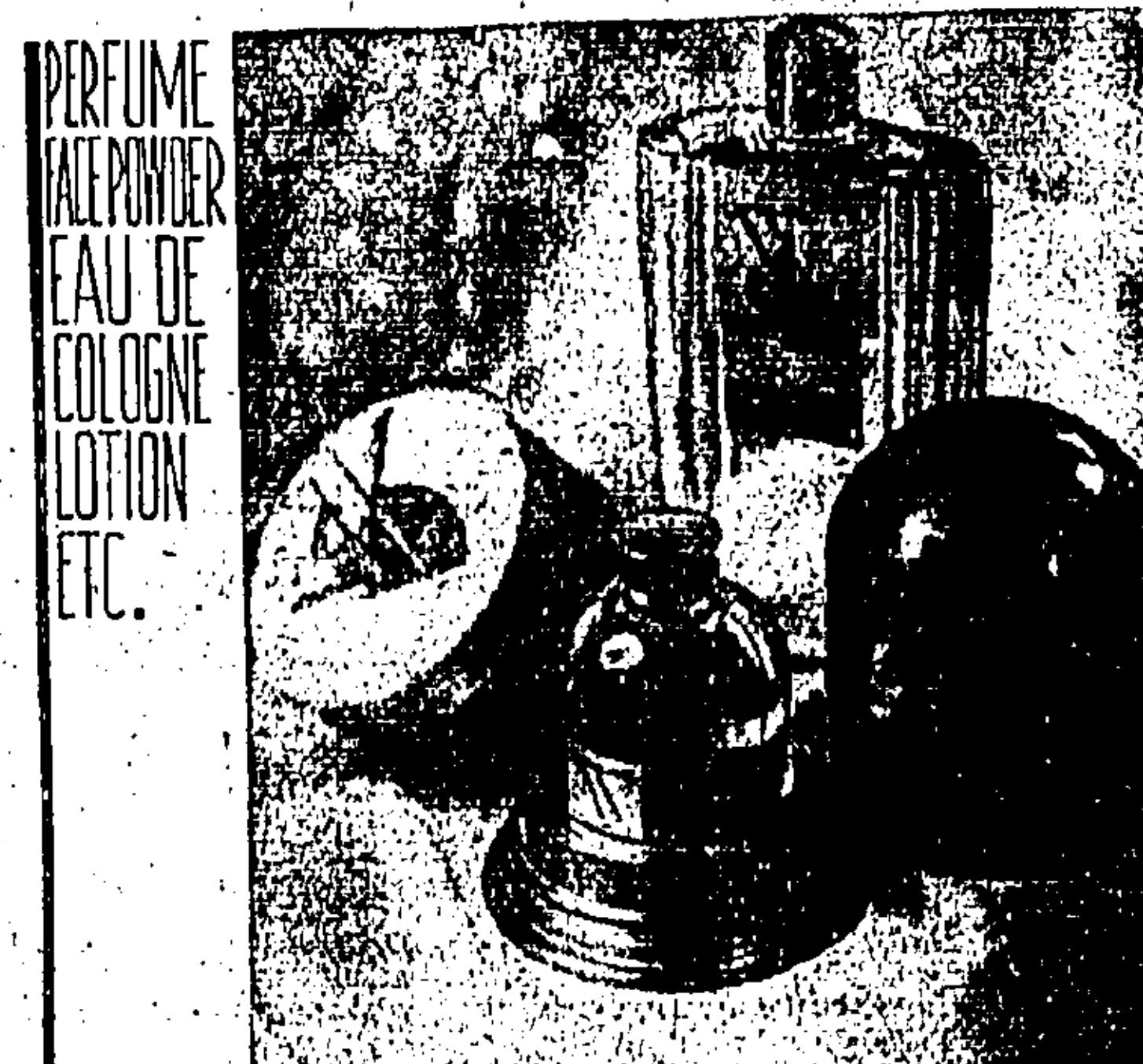
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Joint Hon. Secretaries.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

It is alleged that sometime between 9 and 10 a.m. on the morning of September 22nd, 1934, a small Chinese boy of 9 years of age dressed in dirty white clothing, no shoes or socks, was assaulted outside the Alexandra Building by an Indian Police or watchman.

Any member of the public who actually witnessed the assault is requested to communicate by telephone or in person with the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, (Telephone No. 39 Extension No. 4) any time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. as early as possible.

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## VISIT TO BREMEN

### CHINESE COMMISSION SHOWN GREAT PORT.

Messrs. Melchers and Co., Agents of the North German Lloyd, Bremen, state that the Chinese Government Commission, specially delegated by the Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of War to study conditions in Germany, recently paid a visit to Bremen, where the Head Office of the North German Lloyd is located.

The Commission is headed by Vice-Minister H. E. Yu Fei-pen and General Sia Ting-yao, Commander of the 17th Army Corps. The Commission, which stayed in Bremen and the Weser Ports from the 2nd to 4th of September, had been received on the second day of their stay by the North German Lloyd and, as guests of the North German Lloyd, they visited the famous Columbus Quay in Bremen-haven and the North German Lloyd Atlantic Crack-Steamer, Bremen.

The Bremen has been on the run for 6 years and has travelled during this time 690,000 nautical miles, which is 32 times the circumference of the earth, on 94 round-trips between Bremen and New York. The ship carried 220,000 passengers on these trips.

### Visit to Crack Liner.

The Chinese guests were received on board the Bremen by Mr. Lande, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Frie, General Manager of the North German Lloyd.

After visiting the famous North Lock in Bremen-haven, which is the biggest Lock of the European Continent, the Commission visited the well-known fishing harbour at Wesermünde, which was of special interest to the members of the Commission.

### New Eastern Liners.

On September 4, the Chinese guests were shown around the Dock Yards of the Deutsche Schiffbau- und Maschinen A.G. (Deschimag). On these Dock Yards two new steamers for the Far Eastern Line are being built at the present time: the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

These two ships, bearing the names of two well-known pre-War fast vessels of the North German Lloyd, will be put into service during 1935 and by their superior speed and their modern and spacious accommodation will greatly improve the communications between Far Eastern countries and Europe.

Concluding their highly successful visit to the Old Hanseatic town of Bremen, the Commission left the Weser on September 4, proceeding to Nuremberg, where the Party Congress of the National Socialist Party was taking place.

## CINEMA NEWS

### NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

For fun and for entertainment that bubbles with unusual angles it is a pleasure to recommend "Murder in the Private Car" which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre. To those inclined to philosophize their amusement, it may indicate a welcome trend of the screen back toward those basic elements that made silent pictures so successful—movement, laughter, thrills and drama. But to nearly every body "Murder in the Private Car" will be cracking good entertainment with more than usually fine comedy. Charlie Ruggles, to begin with, tops the cast of featured players, and around him revolves a notable cast. Mary Carlisle, the little blonde who recently scored in "This Side of Heaven" plays the imperilled heiress with believable sincerity. Una Merkel was never better than as the smart-cracking "lambent girl" Mary's friend. Russell Hardie does one of the finest jobs of his career as the hero, Mary's fiancé. Burton Churchill, Willard Robertson, Cliff Thompson, Sterling Holloway, Porter Hall and Snow Flake, a coloured thespian, all contribute excellent performances.

### "The World Changes"

In one of his early films, Paul Muni had to play seven different characters. It was called "Seven Faces." According to the star, however, he has been called upon for far more variety in "The World Changes," his latest for Warner Bros. First National, which is showing to-day at the Alhambra. Twelve subtle transitions were devised by the make-up department to convey changes in character. Although Muni feels that make-up is often necessary in order properly to develop a character, at the same time Muni feels that too much has been made of it in certain "generation" stories for the screen. "Make-up should be used like a wankrobe," he contends. "As a necessary adjunct. Not for itself. Make-up is like a crutch. You use it because you must, not because you want to."

### "The Thin Man"

It takes a detective to find the shortest road to success. In motion pictures, this has been proven by many brilliant stage and screen actors who have received their acclaim from the public through their portrayals of detective roles. The latest of these is William Powell who again rises to the heights of popularity in another of his most amusing detective roles. "The Thin Man" which is coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre. However, it is not the first sleuthing characterization that Powell has presented to the screen. Though he has scored many hits in the roles of polite gentleman crooks and stern civic officials, he won his greatest success in pictures as Philo Vance. Powell as Nick Charles, presents one of the most amusing detective roles yet seen upon the screen. He has returned from the business of catching crooks, has married a wealthy woman and, against his will, is dragged into a most perplexing case, eventually solving it. Myrna Loy is co-starred in the production and the supporting cast features Maurice O'Sullivan, Nat Pendleton and Minna Gombell.

### "Jewel Robbery"

William Powell, as The Robber in Warner Brothers' "Jewel Robbery," in which he is co-starring with Kay Francis, has contributed a new note to the technique of the highwayman's art. For the entertainment of his guests, while they are being relieved of their valuables, Powell carries a portable phonograph, and a selection of dance records. Playing these, The Robber contends, acts as an anesthetic to the suffering of his victims as they helplessly watch the loss of their possessions. How his theory works will be shown in the production when it opens on Sunday at the Alhambra Theatre.

### "Change of Heart"

Even though she never had time to do any globe-trotting until two years ago, Janet Gaynor is a surprisingly good authority on foreign countries and foreign customs. The dainty Fox Film star has made 18 years since her immortal "7th Heaven," and a good proportion of them have had foreign locales. In "Change of Heart," coming to the King's Theatre on Saturday, the background shifts from California to New York City, with a transcontinental airplane journey as one of its colourful features. For the first time in eighteen months, Charles Farrell appears again with Miss Gaynor in the new offering, based on Kathleen Norris' "Manhattan Love Song." James Dunn, Ginger Rogers, Mercer, Guay, Van Seyferth, Irene Franklin and other celebrities are in the cast. John G. Blystone is directing the picture under the personal supervision of Winfield Sheehan.

## CHINESE DEPORTEES.

### FURTHER PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE ACTION

Shanghai, Sept. 26.  
A protest as regards the continued deportation of Chinese and demanding the cessation of these "summary and indiscriminate actions" against the Chinese in Japan will be made to the Japanese Government.—*Reuter.*

Los Angeles, Sept. 26.  
Mr. Edwin H. Lemare, the famous "organist" and composer died here to-day.—*Reuter Special.*

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London-Panama only—London, 23rd August	Pres. Hoover	September 27.
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Japan and Shanghai	Agamemnon	September 28.
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Straits	Sinkiang	September 29.
Shanghai	Lycan	September 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Suleang	October 1.
Straits	Bhutan	October 1.
Shanghai	Philoctetes	October 2.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	October 2.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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Thursday.		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Thurs., Sept. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Sept. 27, 3 p.m.
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Salmon	Lycemoon	Thurs., Sept. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hoover	Thurs., Sept. 27, 5 p.m.
Friday.		
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., Sept. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Hainan	Klungchow	Fri., Sept. 28, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiyang	Fri., Sept. 28, 2 p.m.
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K. P. O.		
Reg.,	Sept. 28, 4 p.m.	Reg., Sept. 28, 4.30 p.m.
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Manila	Pres. Hayes	Fri., Sept. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, P.C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. and *Europe via Siberia (Due Victoria B.C., 16th October.)	Pres. McKinley	Fri., Sept. 28, 5 p.m.
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Reg.,	Sept. 28, 4.30 p.m.	Reg., Sept. 28, 5 p.m.
Letters,	Sept. 28, 4.30 p.m.	Letters, Sept. 28, 6 p.m.
Saturday.		
Shanghai	Conte Verde	Sat., Sept. 29, 9 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Nankin		Sat., Sept. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Zealand via Brisbane. (Due Brisbane, 16th October.)	Parcels,	Sat., Sept. 29, 8.45 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Sept. 29, 2 p.m.
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Siberia		
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Letters,	Sept. 29, 3 p.m.	Letters, Sept. 29, 4 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Sat., Sept. 29, 4 p.m.
Parcels,		Sat., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.
Sunday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Sept. 30, 9 a.m.
Monday.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Mon., Oct. 1, 1.30 p.m.
Poochow	Chinhua	Mon., Oct. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday.		
Amoy	Sulsang	Tues., Oct. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tibadak	Tues., Oct. 2, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Halching	Tues., Oct. 2, 9 p.m.
Wednesday.		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia (Due San Francisco, 24th October.)	Reg.,	Oct. 2, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Letters,	Oct. 2, 8.30 a.m.
	Taiyuan	Wed., Oct. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday.		
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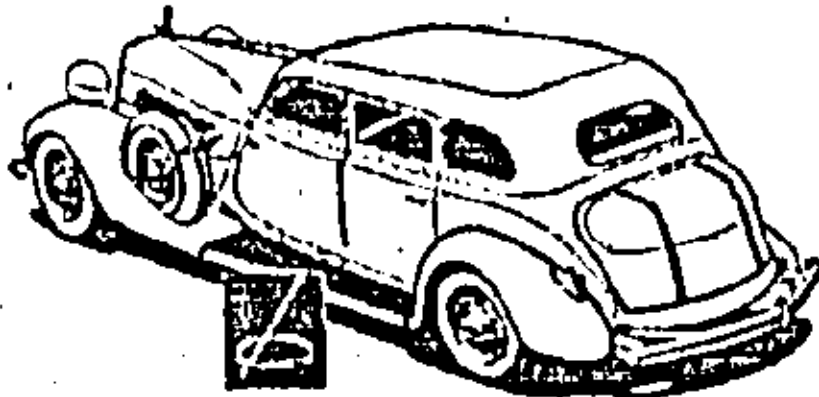
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## PEACE IN THE EAST?

Whilst it may be premature to suggest that the latest developments in the Far East, affecting Japan and Russia on the one hand and Japan and China on the other, have completely dissipated fears of trouble in the near future, it can at least be said that there are prospects of the general Far Eastern situation undergoing a change for the better. Reports are to the effect that Japan and the Soviet have at last reached an agreement in regard to the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway, but whilst these are not confirmed, there would appear to be grounds for thinking that an early adjustment of this troublesome issue may be expected. It is hinted that when this matter is finally disposed of, the Soviet may recognise Manchukuo, a development which would not be welcomed in League circles at the present juncture. Such a move would be somewhat surprising in view of the tension which has so long persisted between Russia and Japan, but there may well be reasons, so far not disclosed, why the Soviet should be disposed to reach a rapprochement with the Japanese. M. Litvinoff's recent statement that Russia would not consider herself bound by any League decisions reached before her entry, might well have been made with the possibility of the recognition of Manchukuo in view. None the less, such a step would certainly place the League, which has expressed itself as being opposed to recognition, in a somewhat awkward position. On the general issue of the relations between Japan and Russia, it is quite conceivable that a good deal has been going on behind the scenes, of which the outside world has little knowledge. This possibility, taken in conjunction with the reports of a C.E.R. settlement, possibly explains the belief in some quarters that an early Russo-Japanese entente may be expected. The suggestion is that Japan's diplomats have got the better of the military element. If this is so, and if it indicates the likelihood of the Army exercising less pressure on Japan's foreign policies, so much the better. There is also a feeling abroad that Japan is anxious to get on better terms with China, and that a move-

## NOTES OF THE DAY

## THE CUP RACE

It will be many a day before Mr. T.O.M. Sopwith's splendid challenge for the America's Cup will be forgotten, but there are episodes of the series which are well not be remembered. At this distance it would be neither fair nor possible to pass final judgment as to the rights and wrongs of the Race Committee's attitude towards the Endeavour's protest on Saturday, but taking into consideration the facts that the American observer aboard the Endeavour admittedly expressed it as his opinion that the protest flag need not have been hoisted until late in the race and that it was because of that delayed signal that the protest was not heard, it would seem that the Committee acted unwisely, if not unjustly. To quibble over a technicality in a sporting event such as this one seems ungenerous, particularly when the disadvantages weigh so much against a challenger. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., cousin of the yachtsman who guided the Rainbow, says the Committee's decision to disallow Mr. Sopwith's protest, without a hearing, was manifestly unfair. Probably there are not more than a few who do not agree with him.

## DISTINCT HANDICAP

Experts declare that the Endeavour, on her own merits, is a faster yacht than the American defender. They seem to have no doubt on that score. If that is so, it is gratifying knowledge for the builders. For to construct a yacht capable of crossing the Atlantic Ocean and of competing with some success, at least, against the fastest company of craft built entirely for racing, is an achievement. This handicap, however, British builders appear to have overcome. It remained for the original professional crew of the Endeavour to spoil what chances the challenger possessed. Almost without exception, experts declare that it was the comparatively clumsy handling of the British yacht by the untrained crew which was responsible for her defeat. However, her sailors tried heroically, and were not beaten, necessarily, by a faster yacht, but by more finished craft.

## WHAT OF THE PROTEST?

As for the second protest, Mr. Sopwith seems to have abandoned it simply because he lost heart. He was disgusted, no doubt, by the first ruling of the Committee and possibly felt that he had little to expect from an appeal. There are many who think this second protest might well have succeeded. But when the last race was over, Mr. Sopwith had already admitted defeat. Apart from the satisfaction which a re-sail would have aroused, particularly if the weather had been brisk enough to give the challenger a chance, a final test between the rivals for the Cup was most desirable, for at this point we cannot help but feel that the issue has not really been decided. Quite possibly the defenders feel that too. It is to be hoped that Mr. Sopwith will change his mind, and race Endeavour for the Cup again.

## GOOD WORK, HUGHIE!

When President Roosevelt decided to accept General Johnson's resignation as chief of the N.R.A., he did so with a graciousness which cannot but have pleased the old soldier. His reply to General Johnson's letter of resignation was couched in the friendliest of terms and praised his lieutenant's work wholeheartedly. He closed his note to "Dear Hughie" with a promise that if he were needed again he would be called upon, because he recognised that the N.R.A. chief's task had been a heavy one and that it was usually masterfully handled. The General's departure, therefore, has no stigma attached to it. He goes with no little glory. But because he was a trifle hard on Labour, the Administration will probably breathe more easily with the approach of a federal election.

ment is afoot for a settlement of all outstanding differences. Here, again, it is well to be on the guard against undue optimism, but that there are influential elements in both countries seeking a greater measure of concord, is beyond question. It may, as we suggest, be rather early in the day to feel that Far Eastern peace is now definitely assured; current reports are rather too vague to warrant complete acceptance. Yet, when all is said and done, there is no good reason why hostilities should break out in the East. Such differences as exist should be easily adjustable by pacific methods. Once aggressive designs are definitely forewarned, the future should wear a rosier outlook. It is for those in whose hands the direction of national policies rests to see that the way of peace is made easy.

## TURKISH WOMEN FIND THEIR FREEDOM

By J. H. WALTON

GHIAZI Mustafa Kemal has introduced into Turkish social life many great reforms, but the most audacious, the happiest and that acclaimed with the greatest joy is the emancipation of the Turkish woman. This leader of new Turkey, as if with a magic wand, threw open the gates of bondage and freed the trembling creature who was pitted the whole world over.

From lowly cabin and gilded cage the timid slaves of a centuries-old regime peeped forth and slowly stepped out into an undreamed-of freedom, still wondering a little whether it was some great power's temporary whim, and half afraid to hear their menfolk call them back.

But they were told that the Ghazi had decreed that henceforth the women of Turkey should have equal rights with the men, so the chrysalis, the recluses of the harem, cast off its shell and soon found that the last stage of the great change in the social situation of the Turkish woman, which had its origin as far back as 1908, at the time of the Young Turk movement.

The Turkey of Kemal numbers 16,000,000 inhabitants, and 9,000,000 of these are women. There are 8,000,000 peasant women and only 1,000,000 who are town-born. Looking back over the past one can easily visualise the Mussulman peasant woman, illiterate and uncultured, her knowledge of life limited to her farm. She sees the majority of her children taken from her at an early age for she knows next to nothing of how to bring them up.

The Turkish peasant woman of the past era never ceased to work, to strive, to sacrifice; rest and happiness were not her portion. And so, in the prime of youth, she lost that fresh beauty which is her heritage. While her western sisters of like age retained their youth and vigour, she became old and tired, and dissatisfied at the exigencies of her home life.

As for the million women of the towns, only half were of the bourgeoisie. The peasant women were the producers while the town-born women comprised part of the consumers. Of the former many were employed on farms bordering on the towns, and as servants in the houses of the well-to-do. A little higher up the scale came the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of perhaps the policemen, postmen, barbers, or cab drivers. Their dress was of that picturesque, multicoloured type which tourists loved to see—baggy trousers, gold embroidered blouses and the striking veil and head-dress.

Then came the womenfolk of the high government officials, rich merchants and landowners—the bourgeoisie; and, finally, the real aristocracy. Knowing at least one foreign language—many of them had had foreign governesses and had been to college or university—they were able to supplement and develop their education by reading Turkish and foreign newspapers, books and reviews, and become further distinct from their peasant sisters by following Paris fashions. The ruling passion was the love of money. This brought luxury and comparative power, the satisfaction of all caprices

and, eventually, a good marriage—all they seemingly had to live for.

Now take the woman of Kemalist times. Islamism, being at one with the state, had, during 13 centuries, prevented any development of Mussulman countries on western lines. This the Ghazi determined to correct, so he abolished the Khaliphate and introduced a late regime into Turkey. The first and most important result of this reform was the complete emancipation of the Turkish woman.

To-day, the new Civil Code renders the woman free, independent of, and equal to, the man. The Turkish woman is now treated even better than many of her European and American sisters. The "recluses of the harem," condemned to languish and fade behind closely trellised windows, exists no longer. The disenchanted of yore, the dark, veiled phantoms, whose eyes alone shone through their *teharthafa* (a piece of silk wound round the head) have completely disappeared.

If, once in a while, one sees a semi-veiled figure in the streets of old Stamboul or in the tortuous ways of the citadel of Angora, one can be certain these women belong to a past epoch. In these days the Oriental aspect in utterly effaced, and the Turkish woman, completely liberated from the dictates of the Koran, lives, marries, dresses, works and amuses herself just like her sisters of the West. The life of the harem, as described by numerous French novelists, disappeared in Constantinople and Smyrna during the Great War, for the high cost of living made the upkeep of the enormous private palaces impossible. But in the interior of Anatolia it was the custom of the peasants, up to the time of Mustafa Kemal's reform, to have three or four wives, who were made to work in the fields.

Polygamy was definitely abolished in 1926 when the Grand National Assembly adopted the Swiss Civil Code which imposed on all Turks the modern matrimonial statute. And so, with the new reforms and westernisation applied by the Republican regime, a great transformation was produced in the general mentality of the Turkish people.

The new liberty accorded to Turkish women, together with the transformation of their habits and customs, material and economic, made it necessary for many of the *hanoums* (women) to take steps to become wage earners and insure their complete independence. Under the reigns of the Sultan Caliphs it was absolutely impossible for a Turkish woman of any degree to follow any employment other than that entailed in looking after her own house. The actresses of the national theatre were either Greek or Armenian, for no Osmanli woman was allowed to appear on the public stage. Furthermore, the Law of the Koran, habit and ancient prejudices had prevented the mixing, in company, of women and men. Fiances were not allowed to meet their future husbands before marriage; wives had to walk behind their lords and masters in the streets; sons of the house could not be present at tea parties given by their sisters to girl friends; and it was considered humiliating

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"Then that makes it fifty-fifty. I'm just as sick and tired of you two."

## The Very Idea!

ABOUT BUGS, BREEDS, AND US

By George

"YOU," said the Professor, "admit that you have spent over a year in China and are still ignorant of the local *Cercopithecidae*?"

We sighed a little ruefully and allowed our forehead to sink comfortably on to the paper spike file.

"Yep, Pro. We've never met him."

"Impossible," muttered the Professor, wiping his brow with a magnificent specimen of the *Callitettix braconoides*. A quick glance showed us that the tegmina was tentaculous with the apex broadly muscous.

Another glance showed us that the time was seven o'clock.

A cockroach emerged from its corner pursued by a *Polystyelidæ* *aites* *Botryllidæ* and a bottle royal ensued in front of our desk. In his excitement the Professor wiped his steaming glasses with his left shoe, hooked his leg over his ear and scribbled a hasty note with his glasses on the dorsal fin of a *Heptopus chentseyi* which he drew from his wallet.

Meanwhile we extracted the Professor's watch from his vestibule and counted the cockroach out. He had lost by three seconds and an elongated pharynx.

By this time the Professor had unhooked his foot from the left lobe and was adjusting his glasses to have a look-see. We described how the cockroach had taken a vicious right to the epithelium and had also been the connecting link between his blastula and a savage kick from *Pollydora Botryllidæ*.

The Professor was in tears.

"All my life I have looked for such a sight and when the time came I was found wanting," he crooned rocking himself gently backwards and forwards on a clovia puncta which had incautiously inserted itself under his seat.

Our offer to put a couple of he buck male cockroaches together drew no enthusiasm from the Professor. "Longis tiddlemus non blunderknot," he murmured tying a reef knot in the antennae of the already anguished cockroach.

"Okay, byus, we retired."

As the Professor passed sadly through the door he paused a moment to pluck a *Machorota punctatovorus* from the coolie's head. We noticed that the *adagus* was vertical with complex processes at the apex, and anyway the animal was dead.

"Justas youverus. Servu right-us," said Ah Luk obsequiously.

The Professor replaced the corpse and crept silently away.

## DUMB-BELLES LETTRES.

By Juliet Lowell.

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Clinton H.

(signed)

## Picture That!

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I write to ask you if you won't send me as a present 6 or seven of your best hams and 200 lbs. of your sugar cured breakfast bacon, a 12 gal. can of lard and some good bolona sausage if you keep any. I will send you the picture that made me hungry. Ad dress to

Stanton W.





The bridal party at the colourful wedding of Lieutenant J. L. Thibault, U.S.N., and Miss Eleanor Cornelia Hykes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hykes, well known Shanghai residents. The ceremony took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral. The attendants are Mrs. William J. Lamneck, Misses Mary Drake and Barbara Bernard. The groom is stationed on U.S.S. Tulsa.

## LAWN BOWLS

### THE AITKENHEAD

### SHIELD ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements made by the sub-committee in charge of competitions last week for the Aitkenhead Shield Competition were confirmed by a meeting of the General Committee yesterday evening.

Mr. B. E. Maughan, President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, who presided at the meeting, announced that arrangements had been made to play off the Competition on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club grounds on October 13.

B. W. Bradbury, of the Craigengower C.C., had been selected to lead the Hongkong side, and L. Guy, of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, will captain the Kowloon team. The teams will be composed of nine players from Kowloon C.C. Club, de Reo and Kowloon Bowling Green Club, for Kowloon; ten from the Craigengower C.C., eight each from Civil Service C.C. and Police R.C., six from Tai Koo R.C., and four each from the Indian R.C. Yacht Club, Football Club and the Hongkong Electric for Hongkong.

**SPOONS FROM SHANGHAI.** The Association had sent up to Shanghai for 50 Aitkenhead spoons, with special design, to be presented to the members of the winning side in the Competition. These, he said, cost approximately \$1.80 each and would be far more appropriate to the occasion than the nondescript spoons that they had been buying in the past.

At the suggestion of Mr. B. Wylie, it was decided to have a selection during the afternoon for the benefit of the St. Dunstan's Society. The Hon. Treasurer of the Association, Mr. G. E. F. Thompson, was appointed to take charge of the collection boxes.

The following sub-committees were elected to choose the players for the Aitkenhead Shield:—Messrs. H. Beer, P. J. Jones and B. W. Bradbury. For Kowloon—Messrs. R. P. Phillips, F. X. M. da Silva and L. Guy.

It was decided that the names of players from the different clubs must be submitted by October 3. A dinner will be held in the Kowloon C. C. hall after the Aitkenhead Shield match, and all lawn bowlers in the Colony are asked to attend. The cost per head is \$1.50.

As a memory of his success during the present season in winning the Singles, Pairs and Rinks Competitions, the Committee decided to present a special prize to A. W. Grimmit, the Civil Service C. C. bowler.

The Committee decided to ask Hon. Mr. R. E. Lindell, President of the Kowloon C.C., to give away the prizes during the evening of the dinner.

In view of the fact that darkness now sets in much earlier, the Committee have decided to inform all clubs that the League matches to be played on Saturday must commence before 3.15 p.m. Club secretaries are requested to take note.

### WENDY BARRIE

#### ENGAGED TO AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE'S SON

Wendy Barrie, the young Hongkong film star and daughter of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., is to marry Mr. William (Woolworth) Donohue.

Wendy Barrie, one of the most glamorous girls in Hongkong, has been in the "Wedding Rehearsal."

She attracted attention when she played Jane Seymour, one of six royal wives in Charles Laughton's "Private Life of Henry VIII."

Hollywood was interested in her in that film, but she has shown no intention of leaving British studios.

Her latest film, "There Goes Susie," in which she co-stars with

## Footballers Back Into Harness

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starter in last week's trial, is turning out for Kowloon against the Royal Artillery, and the Peninsula outfit are regarding the season with complete confidence.

The forward line has been wonderfully strengthened by the inclusion of the Knox brothers, and there is a noted improvement in the defence, where Cord is well covered by Everest and Eastman, two well experienced players, who have shown up with marked effect in the trial games.

The following are some of the teams who will be seen in action during the week-end:

#### FIRST DIVISION.

Club:—Rodger: Gamble and Strange; B. Williams, Pote-Hunt and Baldwin; Fowler, Drown, Howe, Twylin and Sloan.

Recreio:—V. H. Marques; Bowen and Silva-Netto; Delgado, Beltrino and Gonsalves; T. Castilho, J. Gomes, A. V. Gosano, B. Gosano and J. Alves.

Kowloon:—Cord: Everest and Eastman; G. White, Pope and Elias; D. Knox, Whitehead, Elliot, V. White and T. Knox.

East Lancashire:—Oxford; Swain and Eckersley Cox, Lawton and North; Sandford, Horner, Gorman, Woods and Withington.

South China "A" (Possible); Wong Wing; Li Tin-sang and Lau Mau; Leung Wing-chui, Wong Mee-shun and Li Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Fung King-chung, Tam Kong-pak, Tay Quan-tong and Ip Pak-wah.

#### SECOND DIVISION.

Club:—Payne: Goldman and Binnie; McKellar, Nichols, and Carr; Fisher, G. Williams, Farrow, Himsworth and Bitter.

Kowloon:—Boyes: Fuxman and Hlekman; Hopkins, Gilechrist, and Tillery; Humphrey, Lee, MacDonald, Duffield and P. White.

#### SATURDAY.

##### FIRST DIVISION.

Lincoln v S. China "B"

R. Artillery v Kowloon—Club

Police v Athletic—Kowloon

St. Joseph's v Club—Caroline Hill

##### SECOND DIVISION.

Young Indians v Navy

Eastern v Borderers

University v Club

East Lancs. v Lincoln

Athletic v Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.

##### THIRD DIVISION.

R.A.M.C. v Air Force

Recreio v Lincoln

Police v East Lancs, 3.15 p.m.

Railway R.C. v Borderers

R.A.O.C. v R.A.S.C.

Radio v R. Engineers

4.45 p.m.

#### SUNDAY.

##### FIRST DIVISION.

East Lancs. v Recreio—King's Park, 3.30

Borderers v S. China "A"

3.45

R. Engineers v South China, 3.15.

Miss Doreen Ma, the talented local pianist, will give a jazz piano recital from the studio of ZBW to-night.

Gene Gerrard, will be shown in Hongkong soon.

Mr. Donohue, a cousin of Barbara Hutton, the famous American heiress, is a big-game hunter and the son of an American millionaire.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

### IRREGULAR MARKET YESTERDAY

The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz: The Wall Street Journal report on yesterday's market: Stocks were irregular, featured by the strength of silver and gold issues, due to the United States Smelting Corp. declaring a dividend of \$2.00 per share, bringing the total dividends, so far, for 1934 to \$9.00 per share, including \$4.50 extra dividend. This represents the highest return in the history of the Company, which is due to Government buying silver. There are rumours that the Treasury plans to increase the price of silver. Buying continued to advance London silver prices. Railroad issues rallied after a dip, due to reports that Mr. Felley is formulating plans to aid carriers. Both bonds and stock prices were irregular. Wheat prices were down, due to a slow export demand and on favourable weather reports.

S. C. and F. New York office cables: The stock market was steady, but featureless, lacking news of any importance. Market confidence is more widespread in spite of the lack of any important news. Some quarters construe the resignation of General Hugh Johnson from the N.R.A. as being hopeful for business prospects. The Commonwealth for the 12 months ended August 31st totalled \$5.50 per preferred share, against 1 cent per common share. The American Smelting Corp. has reduced lead prices by 5 points to 3.60 cents per lb. The "Iron Age" reports an improved sentiment in the steel trade. Electric power output was up 0.5% for the week ended September 22nd, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Business done: \$90,000.

New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:—

Cotton: We expect an easier tendency in the "spot" basis in view of the reported Government decision to sell pool cotton and pay futures. The latter will be partially offset by merchants' hedging. The selling of December cotton to-day lends colour to this belief and differences are widening. The Government weekly crop report is favourable. Sentiment on the cotton market is favourable. Some further improvement is likely, but we doubt if there will be any material advance in prices at present.

Grains: Yesterday's broad interest was lacking. The cash situation remained unchanged. In the grain market, Liverpool cables have decidedly better feeling and there is an improved demand. Liquidation appears to be over.

Rubber: There was further liquidation without Trade support. We expect an easy market, pending some constructive news.

Dow-Jones Averages:

Sept. 25 Sept. 26

30 Industrials ..... 92.72 92.44

20 Rails ..... 96.27 96.01

20 Utilities ..... 20.84 20.65

40 Bonds ..... 91.72 92.00

11-Commodity Index 61.40 60.85

17 Leading Stocks.

Sept. 25 Sept. 26

Amer. Can. .... 98.51 98.44

Amer. Smelt. & Ref. .... 112.5 112.5

Amer. Tel. & Tel. .... 23.5 23.5

Auburn ..... 43.5 43.5

J.I. Case ..... 90.5 90.5

Du Pont ..... 11.5 11.5

Gen. Motors ..... 29.5 29.5

Int. Tel. & Tel. .... 47.5 47.5

McIntyre ..... 23.5 23.5

Montgomery Ward ..... 22.5 22.5

Nat. Distillers ..... 14.5 14.5

Secony-Vacuum ..... 101.5 101.5

Union Pacific ..... 33.5 33.5

U.S. Steel ..... 32.5 32.5

West E. & M. .... 32.5 32.5

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday:

New York Cotton.

Sept. 25 Sept. 26

Close Range

October ..... 12.54 12.42-12.42

December ..... 12.69 12.57-12.58

January ..... 12.74 12.62-12.62

March ..... 12.80 12.71-12.71

May ..... 12.87 12.74-12.77

July ..... 12.90 12.80-12.81

Spot ..... 12.80 12.70

New York Rubber

October ..... 16.34 15.00-15.00

December ..... 15.55 15.25-15.25

January ..... 15.67 15.38-15.38

March ..... 15.93 15.64-15.65

May ..... 16.19 15.86-15.86

July ..... 16.26 16.12-16.13

Total sales: 300 lots

Chicago Wheat

September ..... 104.4 104.4-104.4

December ..... 104.4 103.4-103.4

May ..... 104.4 103.4-103.4

Tuesday's sales: 29,654,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

September ..... 78.4 78.4-78.4

December ..... 78.4 78.4-78.4

May ..... 80.4 79.4-79.4

Total sales: 9,709,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat

October ..... 82.4 81.4-81.4

December ..... 82.4 81.4-81.4

May ..... 87.4 87.4-87.4

October ..... 1.97 1.95-1.95

March ..... 1.93 1.91-1.91

May ..... 1.97 1.94-1.94

July ..... 2.01 1.93-1.93

Total Sales: 10,000 tons

New York Silk

December ..... 1.14 1.13-1.14

January ..... 1.15 1.14-1.15

April ..... 1.16 1.15-1.16

Total sales: 50 lots

MUSICAL EVENING

MADAME LOTTIE GORDON

ENTERTAINS FOR CHARITY

Mrs. Lottie Gordon, the

Australian pianist-composer, last night

gave her Australian Concert and

entertainment.

There was a fairly large audi-

ence present. The majority of the

programme comprised Madame

Lottie Gordon's own compositions,

including the "Hongkong Jack

Tar" and the "Aussie Soldier

Swag," both of which were musical

monologues. She played the piano

with great finish.

The entertainment, on the

whole, was unique, the programme

including Australian music, na-

tional bush and folk songs and

monologues.

Mrs. Doris Millar scored a great

triumph with her rendition of

## RADIO BROADCAST

### Jazz Piano Recital From The Studio.

#### Z.E.K. PROGRAMME.

From Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles), 6-7 p.m. A Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden (by courtesy of the Management).

7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations. 7.08-7.30 p.m. Orchestral Hungarian Dances (Brahms, arr. Dvornik).

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult. (a) No. 19 in B Minor; (b) No. 29 in E Minor; (c) No. 21 in E Minor. Sleeping Beauty—Panorama (Tchaikovsky).

Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Shepherd Fennell's Dance (Gardiner). Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Concert Waltz in A (Glazounov).

Witcher Dance (La Tregonda), from "Le Villi" (Puccini). The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra conducted by Percy Pitt.

7.30-8 p.m. From the Studio. A Jazz Piano recital by Doreen Ma.

Programme.

1 Whispering.

2 Improvisation (by Leo Sims).

3 When Summer is gone.

4 Melody in F.

5 All I do is Dream of you.

6 Caprice Futuristic.

7 Emaline.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Con-

cert. 8.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins,

London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity

Quotations.

10.40 p.m. Close Down.

8.30-10 p.m. European Recorded

Programme from Z.E.K. on a fre-

quency of 640 k.c.s.

8.30-8.52 p.m. Carnival of the

Animals (Saint-Saens).

Leopold Stokowski and the

Philadelphia Symphony Or-

chestra.

1 Introduction and Royal March of

the Lion; 2 Hens and Cocks; 3 Mules;

4 Tortoises; 5 The Elephant; 6 Kangar-

oos; 7 Aquarium; 8 Personages with

long ears; 9 Cuckoo in the woods; 10

Birds; 11 Fossils; 12 The Swan; 13

Pinnats; 14 Finale.

8.52-9.15 p.m. Concerto No. 1 in B

flat minor for Piano and Orches-

tra played by Solomon and the Halle

Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton

List.

1st Movement—Allegro non troppo

e molto maestoso.

2nd ..... Andantino sem-

plice.

3rd ..... Allegro con fuoco.

9.15-9.30 p.m. A Recital by Percy

Hemming (Baritone).

1 (a) Jodelle; (b) The Fiddler; (c) The

Ballad-Monger; (Easthope-

Martin).

2 (a) Fairings; (b) Come to the

Fair; (Easthope-Martin).

3 Hatfield Bells (Easthope-

Martin).

4 Crown of the Year (East-

hope-Martin).



# FOOTBALLERS BACK INTO HARNESS THIS WEEKEND



E. STRANGE

## TEAMS START LEAGUE PROGRAMME FULL OF OPTIMISM CLUB WITHOUT ROBERTSON AND E. STRANGE

COSANO BROTHERS RETAINED IN THE RECREIO FORWARD LINE

KOWLOON'S BEST XI ON VIEW

(By "Veritas").

Football, that game of such subtle attractions that it can be played for three quarters of the year without a break and still remain appealing to hundreds of sportsmen, players and spectators alike, makes its proper re-entry into the sporting life of the Colony this week-end, when the first league matches of the new season will be played.

Although it was only a little more than four months ago that we were waxing enthusiastic over the feats of the Borderers and were wondering whether they would break all local records, the return to the big ball game after such a brief close season is eagerly anticipated.

Old favourites will be missed, but newcomers, some enjoying a reputation built on previous displays, others with the promise of establishing such reputations, will be there to fill the benches, and if the trials and practice games of the last fortnight mean anything, football in Hongkong should reach higher standards than ever before.

### FOOTBALL'S HEAVY DEMANDS.

The partial eclipse of the Chinese last year, and their determination to rehabilitate themselves adds a touch of pique, and not a little interest, to the forthcoming contest for honours. The Governor's Cup, Lai Wah Cup, Charity Cup, Shields and last but not least the league titles all promise to furnish keener competition than ever.

And then later on, of course, we shall have the visit of the Shanghai Interport team, undoubtedly THE event of the season. In fact the next seven or eight months are going to keep local footballers very busy. Possibly such a programme will prove a little too much for some of the players, for the more successful they are, the more likely it is they will be called upon to play in those matches extraneous to the normal league and cup ties. The strain of maintaining 100 per cent. form in league encounters and at the same time strive for recognition in representative games, can be, and undoubtedly is, very severe.

Fortunately the footballer remains blissfully unconscious of this, and it is only after the heat of the game and taking a purely detached viewpoint that one can notice such possible effects. Certainly the whole of the teams

participating in the Hongkong league are starting off this week brimful of confidence, forgetful of past misfortunes, and mindful only of the gifts the gods have to offer in the future. On such a philosophy are champions bred.

### CHIEF ATTRACTIONS.

As for the week-end programme, there are one or two matches which have special attractions. The most important is at Soekun-poo on Sunday, where the Borderers, last season's champions, will entertain South China "A", the team who, a year ago, flattered but to deceive.

I do not intend to comment fully on this encounter here, but shall do so in Saturday's issue of the *Telegraph*, by which time I hope to know the selection of both teams. There is an element of doubt in both. I don't think Lee Wai-tong will be turning out for South China, although there is no doubt that his presence would be welcomed by friend and foe alike. As to whether Hazlewood will turn out for the Borderers I am also at the moment in the dark, and right now the composition of the Borderers forward line is a matter for conjecture. It is not until Saturday the Club visit Caroline Hill to meet St. Joseph's, now depleted through the exodus of the Gosano brothers and Beltrao to the Club de Recreio.

The Club will not be at full strength, but they are fielding a side which they feel quietly confident can prove good enough to take the points.

### CLUB CASUALTIES.

L.G. Robertson is still suffering from the effects of his injury received in a recent practice game and cannot take his place in the team. B. Williams, a newcomer, is being given an opportunity to win his spurs and will assume Robertson's responsibilities at right half.

It is with very much regret I learn of the recent illness of Ernest Strange, the Club's clever inside left, who, if he maintains his form is going to be an interporter this year.

He has been in hospital, and although now out and about is still too weak to play. It is hoped that he will be available in about a fortnight's time. These withdrawals have incurred changes in the disposition of the team. Baldwin has been sent to the left half berth alongside Pote-Hunt and Williams; Tavlin has been shifted up to inside left, and only Howe and Fowler remain of last year's regular attack.

### RECREIO CONTENT.

After last week's happy showing against the Navy, the Club de Recreio are letting well alone, are putting their faith in Bowen as partner to Silva-Netto, and keeping A. V. Gosano in the forward line. It is difficult to imagine the East Lancashire stopping the Recreio from garnering the points on Sunday, especially as the Portuguese are on their own ground. Bernie Gosano has again been placed at inside left, and Beltrao, the Recreio's other important capture, is taking over the pivotal position. The team is splendidly balanced, and promises to be one of the most attractive sides in the league.

"Sonny" Bliss, although a non-

(Continued on Page 7.)



A. P. F. CHAPMAN.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

LOCAL SCOUTS IN GOOD FORM

HIGH STANDARD SET

Those who had the pleasure of seeing the heats of the Hongkong Boy Scouts Association's swimming championship decided yesterday were agreeably surprised at the excellent standard of swimming and diving display by the youngsters.

The entries in all the events were large and the competition of a most stimulating enthusiasm. The heats were competed for at the Victoria Recreation Club, and on Saturday the following will appear in the finals, also at the V. R. C.

### FINALISTS.

50 Yards Senior Scouts Championship:—N. Lee (5th Kowloon), A. Azado (2nd H. K.), J. Dudley (6th Kowloon), N. Caan (2nd H. K.).

100 Yards Senior Scouts Championship:—Tang Hung-tai (19th H. K.), N. Lee (5th Kowloon), M. Gaan (2nd H. K.), A. Azado (2nd H. K.), S. Lee (1st Kowloon), J. Dudley (6th Kowloon).

25 Yards Senior Cubs:—R. Lawrence (12th Kowloon), G. Azavolo (2nd H. K.), R. Sanchez (2nd H. K.), B. Vincent (4th H. K.).

25 Yards Junior Cubs:—D. Andrews (4th H. K.), S. Dorling (9th Kowloon), J. Lindsay (1st Kowloon), J. Osmund (2nd H. K.), R. Thompson (12th H. K.), F. Kin-naird (14th H. K.), J. Way (1st Kowloon).

Junior Scouts Diving:—G. Rosario (2nd H. K.), W. Pryde (4th H. K.), V. Saunders (4th H. K.), F. Jarrett (6th Kowloon).

Cubs Diving:—B. Vincent (4th H. K.), S. Pledger (4th H. K.), A. Fraser (1st Kowloon), G. Saunders (9th Kowloon), A. Dorling (9th Kowloon), R. Lawrence (12th Kowloon).

Senior 50 Yards Back Stroke:—H. Millington (1st Kowloon), W. Hicks (1st Kowloon), W. Pryde (4th H. K.), A. Azado (2nd H. K.), H. Sommers (Sea Scouts).

Junior 50 Yards Back Stroke:—Yee Wing-jing (Sea Scouts), Cheuk Hing-wo (18th H. K.), F. Thompson (4th Kowloon), G. Rosario (2nd H. K.).

Junior Scouts 50 Yards Championship:—D. Morris (4th Kowloon), Yee Wing-ying (Sea Scouts), G. Rosario (2nd H. K.).

Life Saving Race:—Shiu Ka-shing (Sea Scouts), F. Williams (Sea Scouts), J. Winyard (1st Kowloon), H. Millington (1st Kowloon).

Inter-Troop Relay:—2nd Hongkong 1st Kowloon, 4th Hongkong Sea Scouts.

## GOVERNOR'S CUP MATCH

Football Association Select Team

The team to represent the Hongkong Football Association against the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation for the Governor's Cup on October 10 has been selected as follows:

Cord, (K.F.C.); Mullano (S. V. B.); and Morrison (S.W.B.); Pote-Hunt (Club); Podmore (S.W.B.); and Elms (St. Joseph); Mathias (S.W.B.); Ward (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gosano (Recreio); Ridley (Lincolns); and Blake (University). Reserves: Rodgers (Club); Strange (Club); Robertson (Club); Woods (East Lanes); Stanley (Navy); G. White (K.F.C.).

## NO MOURNING OVER ENGLISH CRICKET

WHAT THE CROAKERS FORGET

OUR BIG CHANCE TO TRAIN MEN FOR AUSTRALIA

(By A. P. F. Chapman)

I would be the last person to appoint myself a sort of grand Coroner and conduct an inquest on what so many people have been pleased to call the corpse of English cricket. For one thing, I am not partial to inquests, and for another there isn't any dead body.

That was a terrible beating we had at the Oval. Admitted. We did not shine at Nottingham or Leeds. But then so many people who talk of the decadence of English cricket—and wish to hurry off a semi-invalid to the mortuary—are so forgetful of recent Test history.

Did not Jardine's team capture the Ashes most convincingly in the tour of Australia of 1932-33?

NOT SO BAD.

Did not the side I had the honour of leading in Australia in 1928-29 push home the success we had gained at the Oval in the deciding match of the Australian tour here in 1926?

Can English cricket be so bad when it has been proved to be better than the best Australia could put in the field in three rubbers of the last five?

Australia won and won deservedly this year, but the future is nothing like so black as is painted. Most decidedly I am not going into mourning.

Our fielding needs a thorough shaking up; but, without attempting to excuse the mistakes and the apparent slackness at the Oval, I am sure that all experienced cricketers will be with me when I say that every team strikes a day when no catch will "stick," when a hard-driven ball instead of coming to the left or jumps in the last split second. And it is astonishing how one miss leads to others.

### GOES THE OTHER WAY.

When a Test team strikes such a patch, of course, it is perfectly horrible.

It goes the other way sometimes, too. Let a brilliant catch be made in the first hour and the whole team gets on its toes.

It doesn't seem possible to me that circumstances of a most exceptional kind and yet so varied in their nature should all combine again in one season to make the task of the selectors so supremely difficult.

In the perfect team there would not be any need to "hide" even one man in the field. When you are driven to take the field with three or four players who have never posed as Hammonds or Leylands or Bradmans in seeing, moving to, and gathering the ball, all sorts of complications arise and the captain's task becomes a nightmare.

For my own part I think "Bob" Wyatt came through the Tests splendidly. He did his utmost on every occasion.

## NETBALL LEAGUE

Ladies Association Hold Meeting

A meeting of affiliated clubs of the Hongkong Ladies' Netball Association was held at the Exchange Restaurant yesterday evening, Miss H. Knill, of the Central British School, presiding.

The meeting unanimously decided that each school pay \$1 affiliation fee to the Association and that a fee of \$2 be paid by each team entered in the Hongkong Schools Netball League.

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## BRADMAN'S TEMPERATURE A LITTLE HIGHER.

PASSES A GOOD NIGHT.

London, Sept. 26.

The latest bulletin from Don Bradman's bedside states that the cricketer's condition remains just about the same, except that his temperature is a little higher.

Earlier it was reported that Bradman passed a good night, his condition remaining unchanged.—*Reuter*.

## MILITARY AQUATICS

Hongkong Area Board Finals To-day

Heats in connection with the Hongkong Area Aquatic Meeting were held yesterday afternoon in the European Y. M. C. A. bath, Kowloon.

The following units and individuals qualified for the finals, which will be held this afternoon.

300 Yards Inter-Coy. Relay—"B" Coy, S.W.B.; "H.Q." Wing, S.W.B.; 20th Battery, R.A. Army Boys' 50 Yards Handicap—Boy H. Clark; Boy P. Hall; Boy F. Hall.

Indians 50 Yards Free Style—5th Hongkong, Singapore Bty; "B" Coy, Punjab; "A" Coy, Punjab. Army Championship—L/Cpl. Fullagher, S.W.B.; L/Cpl. Mason, East Lanes; L/Cpl. W. T. Campbell, S.W.B.

150 Yards Championship—Bandsman Martin, S.W.B.; L/Cpl. E. Fullagher, S.W.B.; L/Cpl. W. T. Campbell, S.W.B. High Diving—Pte. Mason, S.W.B.; Pts. A. Morrison, S.W.B.; Gunr. Connor, R.A.

Indians 100 Yards Free Style—"A" Coy, Punjab; "C" Coy, Punjab; 1st Mountain Bty; "B" Coy, Punjab.

Inter-Brigade and Battalion Relay—Royal Artillery, Lincolns; S.W.B.; East Lanes; Small Units. Enlisted Boys' 50 Yards Free Style—Trumpeter Stubbs, R.A.; Boy Miller, Lincolns; Boy Warford, Lincolns; Boy Tyrell, R.A.

25 Yards Dash—Pte. Marsh, S.W.B.; Edm. Martin S.W.B.; L/Cpl. Rousseau, R.C. of S; Gunr. Smith, 20th Bty, R.A.

Indian Relay—Hongkong Singapore Brigade, R.A. v. 1/8 Punjab.

## INTERNATIONAL BOWLS SHIELD

SEMI-FINAL TIES ON SUNDAY

It was announced this morning by Mr. H. Hampton, hon. secretary of the Lawn Bowls Association, that the semi-final ties in the International Lawn Bowls Shield would be played this next Sunday.

At the Civil Service Green, Switzerland will meet Portugal at 3.15 p.m., and England will oppose Ireland in the other semi-final at the K.C.C., starting at the same time.

The teams in all cases remain as before.

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## WOMEN'S TEST TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

R. Abbit On  
The Interport  
SelectionsYESTERDAY'S  
PRACTICE

The announcement that no less than fourteen players would make the trip to Shanghai as a surprise to me. In the actual personnel of the party there are only two names that call for comment. In the first place Elvin has not been selected. I think Minu's better fielding and hitting turned the scale though I am pretty sure that the authorities think that Minu will bowl better against the really good bats. In the second, Mackay's name was not originally mentioned in the list of people who could get away and I have never really considered him. He is undoubtedly a useful man to take along as he is a useful reserve wicket-keeper. As a bat however, though he has some very nice strokes, he is rather too much in the class of "iffers" to recommend him for a place as a batsman.

## LAST NIGHT'S PRACTICE.

There was a practice last night at which a good many of the potential batsmen had about a quarter of an hour piece while there was a general run round of the bowlers. I was very glad to see that Owen-Hughes seems to be getting used to batting in glasses. The only time he was really adrift was when Pereira bowled him with a beauty that came down at a tremendous pace and took the top of the off-stump as far as I could see. Buines and Madar batted nicely, and so did J. P. Williams. On the whole the trial was very interesting as most of the old weaknesses cropped up. Ricketts failed to do very much with the ball but he took a very pretty snap catch in the slips. There was a fielding practice at the end and, as usual, Minu's showed up very well. I like his under-arm flick in that brings the ball full pitch over the top of the stump. Mitchell took one or two nice catches.

## PROBABLE TEAM?

T. E. Pearce To Lead  
Side

A team, captained by T. E. Pearce, and looking suspiciously like the Interport XI to play against Shanghai, will meet a side led by A. W. Hayward in a two-day match on the Kowloon C.C. ground on Saturday and Sunday. The match will commence at 2 p.m. on the first day and at noon on the second.

Teams:  
T. E. Pearce's XI—T. E. Pearce, Rev. H. W. Baines, G. S. Dunkley, C. C. Garthwaite, H. Owen Hughes, I. McInnes, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, F. D. Pereira, T. A. Pearce and G. R. M. Ricketts.  
A. W. Hayward's XI—A. W. Hayward, J. E. Williams, N. A. E. Mackay, E. C. Fincher, E. P. Fincher, F. Zimmern, G. A. Stewart, T. L. M. Redmond, G. Millbank and J. Elvin.



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## DRESS PROBLEM

(By W. F. SANDERSON)

An England team of women cricketers will sail for Australia in October to play a series of three Test matches and to play against State elevens.

I went to Northampton when the team, which will be away for nearly six months, played against a side called "The Rest."

You may, or may not, agree that women should play cricket, but this I assure you: after watching yesterday's play I am no longer a doubter.

These women know the game and they play it exceedingly well.

The match ended in a tie, but that was merely because there were two declarations.

## CAPTAIN'S MISTAKE.

The Touring team won the toss, and Miss Archdale, the captain, admitted to me that she made a mistake; she should have sent the other side in.

So, on a sticky wicket, her side were tumbled out for 56.

I was not surprised, for the leg-break bowling of Mrs. Holden would have troubled any player. She took five for 17—and she is not in the England team!

I saw three catches that would have sent the Oval crowd at the last Test match delirious with delight.

Miss Taylor's catch in the long field was as good as anything I have seen this season, while the wicket-keeping of Miss Snowball was really good.

In the Test team are Games Mistresses in schools who have had to arrange for deputies while they are away.

Some are students at Universities; one, I understand, is a typist, and she has to give up her job to go!

All have to pay their own fares, and that has handicapped team selection.

Who thought of the uniform these women are to wear in Australia?

I am no dress expert, but while cotton stockings and skirts that compromise between shorts and skirts are neither graceful nor suitable!

## EXCHANGE RATES

	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
Paris	74.23/32	74.19/32
Geneva	15.09	15.07
Berlin	12.35	12.33
Helsinki	22.35	22.33
Copenhagen	19.90	19.88
Athens	615	613
Milan	57.7/16	57.5
Buenos Aires	36 1/2	36 1/2
Shanghai	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
New York	4.07	4.07 1/2
Amsterdam	7.25 1/2	7.25 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague	118	118
Bucharest	403	403
Madrid	30.1/32	30
Hongkong	1/7	1/7 1/4
Brussels	20.09	20.07 1/2
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Copenhagen	20.40	20.40
Lisbon	110 1/4	110 1/4
Bombay	1/5 1/16	1/5 1/16
Yokohama	1/2 1/11/32	1/2 1/11/32
Rio	4 1/4	4 1/4
Montevideo	39.0/16	39.0/16
Harbin	215	215
Montreal	4.80 1/2	4.81 1/2
Silver (Spot)	22.1/16	22.5/16
Silver (Forward)	22 1/2	23 1/2
War Loan	106.11/16	105 1/2

A world-be suicide, Loung Yin, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, after having taken Lyol.

A Mighty Atom  
Of TennisCHINESE GIRL  
MAY PLAY  
FOR ENGLAND

London, Aug. 31.

One of the "mighty atoms" of tennis to-day is a 13-years-old girl, English-born of Chinese parents, who, it is thought, may some day represent Great Britain at Wimbledon.

She is Miss Gen Hoahing, whose home is at Twickenham, Middlesex. Yesterday she beat Miss A. P. Cardinall in the semi-final of the girls' singles in the Middlesex junior lawn tennis Championships at the Herga Club, Harrow, by 6-4, 6-1.

Gen is just a fraction more than 4ft. in height and fits about the court light as a feather.

But there is strength behind her shots for all her slight build.

Her forehand drives are mighty enough for a girl of 17 and of average height.

Her service, while not ac-winning deliveries, are well placed and as fast as those of much taller girls.

Because she is English-born there is nothing to prevent her from representing Great Britain in the future if her form justifies her selection.

Whether she dances her way so far—we must wait and see.

ENGLISH JOCKEYS'  
GREAT DAYFirst Three In Big  
Ostend Race

English jockeys filled the first three places in Ostend's big race, the Grand International, worth nearly £5,000.

Gordon Richards was first on Lord Woolvinton's Easton, who was second in both the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby. Steve Donoghue finished second on Admiral Drake, winner of the Grand Prix de Paris, and Fred Fox filled third position on Rentenmark.

The winner is trained by Fred Darling at Beckhampton and started a hot favourite.

EASY RUGBY WIN  
FOR BRISTOLBeat Clifton By 14  
Points To Nil

London, Sept. 26.  
Meeting in a Rugby Union match at Bristol to-day, Bristol defeated Clifton, with ease, scoring 14 points to nil.—Reuter.

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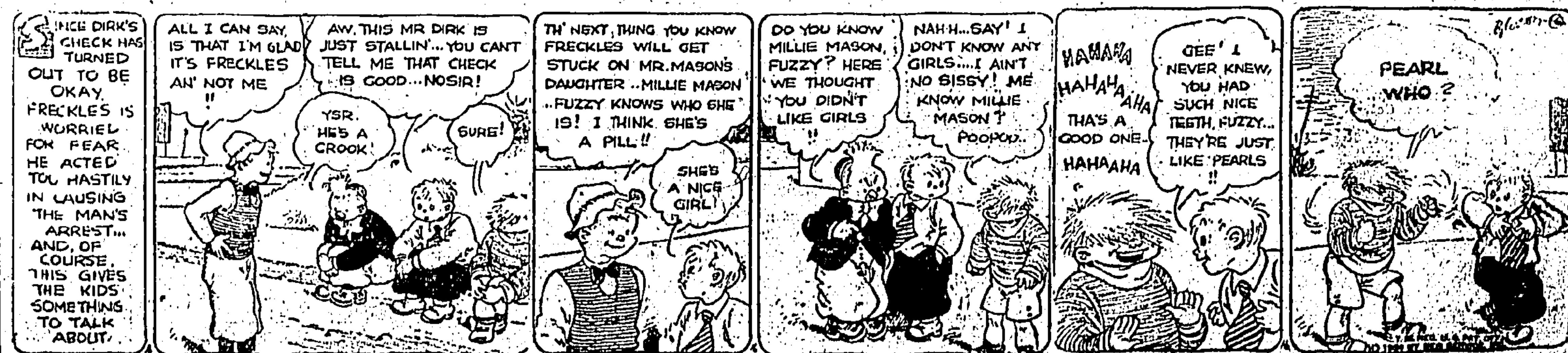
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SYLVIA HIVERS rules the younger set of Larchmont, fashionable New York suburb. She is a blonde beauty whose family has little money. One night at the Yacht Club Boats is put in an embarrassing situation by HARDY WITTHOUSE, one of Sylvia's guests, who had been drinking. Sylvia maliciously contrives to force Boats' resignation from the club. Humiliated, Boats withdraws from the crowd. The next morning, Boats, the swimming instructor, goes to the beach. He sees Boats to close with him and she asks for time to think it over. Mrs. Hivers returns from a visit and Boats, having his mother hear about her resignation from the club. Out for an early morning walk, Boats meets DENIS PENWAY, young author.

CHAPTER XV

Boats swallowed hard. Denis Penway, in old gray flannels with a black-thorn stick in his hand, stood gazing at her. Frankly, he was not looking at a girl. Boats was the more composed. She crumpled the damp ball that had been a handkerchief in her hand and smiled wanly at him.

"Don't pay any attention to me," she said quickly and lightly. "I've got the early morning blues. One of my Irish ancestors is stalking me to-day. We all like a good cry, you know."

Surprisingly, the young man sat down beside her, stretching his long legs out on the cobble-paved grass, started and spangled with globules of dew.

"Gry away," he said briefly. "I have a good shoulder."

Boats put her handkerchief resolutely away in the pocket of her white woolly sweater and smiled again.

"Oh, the shower's over," she told him. "It was nothing."

If this handsome, indolent young man thought she was going to tell him her troubles he was vastly mistaken. Probably he would try to use her for—what did writers call it?—copy. He was going to be disappointed.

She threw him a side glance. How black, how absurdly long and sweeping his lashes were, over eyes of darkest blue! And how extraordinarily tall he was. If he weren't so obviously self-satisfied and conceited, she might have liked him a little. As it was she put on her usual mask of casual interest.

"I thought you'd gone back to California," she said by way of making conversation.

He drew a pattern on the wet earth with the stick. "Presently," he drawled.

Boats flushed. If he thought she was interested—if he only remotely knew how unimportant his comings and goings were to her! She began to scramble to her feet, feeling she hated this handsome, well-dressed young man who was so definitely certain of himself and his place in the world.

He put out a lean brown hand to detain her. Even through her annoyance she was conscious of the strength of those warm brown fingers with their well-cared-for nails, their look of leashed power.

"Ah, don't go," he said, on a note of penitence. "There I was, thinking you'd talk to me for a minute. You're forever on the wing!"

"Am I?" Boats wanted to know, amused by this view of her.

"Yes, you're always scrambling in or out of a car or rushing to swim or something," he complained in his agreeable deep voice. "I stopped by to ask you to come and have tea with me the other day. You were out—the beach or someplace, the coloured woman said."

Linda had never told her. Not that it mattered. So he had "stopped by," had he?

Suddenly Boats, warmed by his friendliness, his obvious desire to confide in him. He was the perfect confidant, a man of the world, sophisticated, travelled, tolerant.

No, she couldn't do that. She didn't tell him or anyone! Stated baldly, it sounded too fantastic.

"That's a lie, I know. I know. I haven't any money or any background or education. But I'm in love with him. He wants me to marry him, so away, live a sort of gypsy life. At home I'm at a standstill. I'm persona non grata with the younger crowd, right now. I'm unhappy."

Want to begin to live. It's terrible to be young and bottled up. . . .

What shall I do? Ah, she knew what he would say, what any intelligent, dispassionate person would say.—Wait—come out some sort of career for yourself—be brave, patient. Life won't pass you by!

It was easy to say that—easy to counsel patience, courage. Meanwhile Boats waited, with his dogged look of devotion, his calm, flattering need of her. Boats felt what every girl blossoming into womanhood feels—the urgent need of being wanted. Ignorant of the forces working within her, she was conscious only of a great desire to do things, to be all that was lovely and desirable, adequate in any situation, however difficult.

She could, the thought, have been a pioneer woman, gallant in danger, resourceful in difficulties. Why, her own great grandmother, at her age, had been married for two years—had had a child! As it was, every one treated her like a child, still.

She was told to run away and play when she spoke of anything more serious than a sorority tea. It was humiliating, maddening. Boats would free her from that sort of thing. All this raced through her mind as she watched the lean brown hand of Denis Penway reaching for a cigarette in the pocket of his flannel coat.

He looked up at her, a keen, observant glance. "Don't want to tell me, eh?"

"No," she stammered, all confusion. "I don't think so." She looked away, struck by some flash of insight in those narrow dark blue eyes.

"How—how old are you?" she blurted out suddenly, scarcely realizing what she said.

"I'm 27," he told her gravely. "Why just wondered." Just a few years older than Boats, she was musing. "You've done a lot, been successful, haven't you?"

He shrugged, modestly disclaiming this view. "I've been lucky. I finished college earlier than most people, had a book or two out at first, met a girl. It happened to sell. I met the right crowd in New York, my stuff began to go well."

Boats cupped her chin in her hands. Her heart-shaped face, framed in its gilt halo, was very serious. Her brown eyes stared straight past him.

"Do you honestly think that breaks are what count?" she demanded. "Do you think life is mapped out for us or that we make our own decision?"

Age-old question, age-old problem! The young, the gravely challenged, gave her a fleeting glance.

"I don't honestly know," he said. "I think luck has a lot to do with it. You meet me this morning, we have a talk—maybe the whole course of your life is changed. If you hadn't walked early beyond the point, everything would be different."

"Ah, but we haven't said anything that matters, really," Boats offered shyly. "I haven't asked advice. You haven't given any. So what?"

He shrugged his shoulders. "I meant—if you had met me! Then I should have told you precisely what I thought, pulling on my old gray beard, and you would have gone home strengthened, comforted."

His eyes had the ghost of a twinkle in them.

"You're laughing at me," Boats said, affronted.

"Oh, but I'm not. Honestly!"

A silence fell between them. The blue waters lapped the shore. Far out gulls wheeled and swooped. On the deck of a trig little launch, riding at anchor just beyond the point, a sailor in blue jeans appeared hoisting a flag. It was very quiet and peaceful. Life and its troubles seemed far away.

"How could I get a job?" Boats demanded abruptly. "I'm ignorant. I haven't any training. But I'm young and strong and willing. I'm anxious to learn. What could I do?"

"Are you serious?"

Slim and sunbrowned, with her curls spiralling around her flushed face, her small hands locked around her knees, she looked up and nodded.

"I don't know," he muttered half to himself. "There ought to be some-

thing we could dig up for you. Library work. . . . a book shop. . . . "Oh, if you could!" she told him, passionately. She got to her feet. "I must be getting back," she told him with a nervous laugh. "It's past seven. They'll think I've been kidnapped."

"I'll call you," he told her, erect beside her. "I'll let you know. Something may turn up. . . ."

She didn't dare to say to him: If I don't run away and marry within a week I'll take you up on that. But her slim fingers lost themselves in his big clasp and the smile that she gave him was compounded of many things—gratitude, the dawn of liking, hopefulness.

Denis Penway stood looking after her before resuming his walk.

"Pretty little thing," he said to himself, striking at the rocks with his stick. "Wonder what she's worried about. . . . Some fool kid or other."

He wondered why the thought vaguely annoyed him. Why shouldn't this golden-haired child with the enormous eyes and the sweet husky voice be interested in one of the cuba roundabout? "I'm going home next week, it's none of my affair," he told himself harshly.

He would be in Carmel this time next week, deep at work in the big raftered living room of his beach house there. He would have forgotten all about Boats Raeburn and the way her velvety dark eyes looked, spangled with fresh tears.

He told himself his interest in her was purely academic. When he went to town for lunch he would ask Abbot Fairman if there were any openings in his office. She seemed a bright child. She had a pleasant personality.

Russ Lund watched him from a ledge of rock, black hatred in his heart.

What had Boats been talking about for so long to that writer bird? And why had she come out to meet him?

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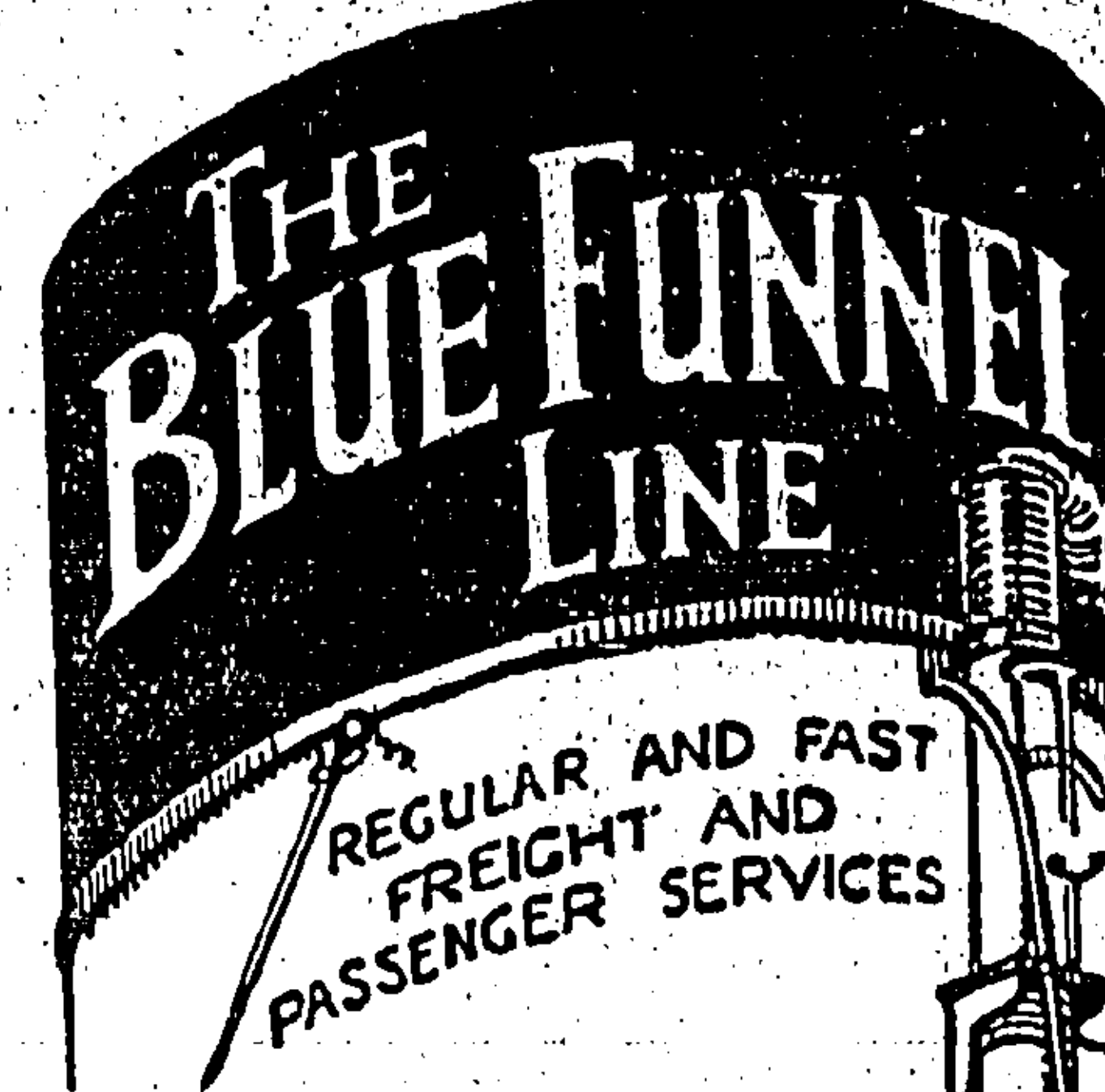
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"I have not paid any bribes to any member of the Police Force," said Tsunetaro Tamori, a witness at the resumed hearing of the charges of alleged libel against Goro Kusaka, unemployed Japanese photographer, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The first charge against defendant is that, on August 31, he published a false and defamatory libel concerning the Hongkong Police Force, in the form of an anonymous letter to the Inspector General of Police, Hongkong, which contained the following: "All these heads are the best friend of the Police Department of Wanchai are under the influence of bribery." The second charge, similarly worded, concerned an anonymous letter to the Protector of Chinese, Hongkong.

When the case opened yesterday, it was announced that Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Sr., who appeared for the defendant at the last hearing, had not received any further instructions.

Mr. T. Murphy, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime), prosecuted.

Mr. A. L. Cole, Secretary in the Police Department, and Sub-Inspector L. R. Whant, in charge of the C.I.D. records, gave formal evidence relating to the receipt of the four letters. Both witnesses said they had no interest in the contents of the letters, and were not in a position to deal with the subject of the letters themselves.

## Floor Used As Club.

Yoshio Nishimoto, a house boy at No. 17 Luard Road, ground floor, said that the premises were occupied by a Mr. Nakamura, who was away in Japan, and he looked after the floor during Mr. Nakamura's absence. The floor was used as a mah jongg club, known as the Shinyu Club. Players were charged about 25 cents each. There was no secret society on the floor. No gambling was done on the floor, and there was no disturbance.

Replying to defendant, witness said that when Sergeant Baker visited the floor, he did not find any gambling going on. He (witness) was not playing *shigeroken* (a dice game) when the Sergeant arrived. Tsunetaro Tamori, a dog seller, residing at No. 8 Luard Road, ground floor, said he was not in any way connected with Japanese brothels in Wanchai. He knew a man named Kouma, but this man was not connected with Japanese prostitutes, have not paid any bribes to any member of the Police Force," said the witness. "I knew defendant, and about three months ago I used to go

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Bail was fixed at \$10,000; but, as the accused was unable to produce sureties at the Court this afternoon, he was remanded in custody at the Legation until tomorrow, when the question of bail will again be considered.—*Reuter*.

At the public examination of bankrupt, his adjudication order showed liabilities of \$233,000 and assets amounting to \$29,000.

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Two courses were suggested to the Committee. They could either put up a church in a quiet locality, or they could go right into the heart of the Chinese population, and carry on an aggressive type of evangelistic work.

After some deliberation, the latter course was adopted, with the result that the triangular plot of land standing opposite the old Seamen's Institute, which has been vacant for so long, was obtained for the purpose.

Plans have not been completed, it is understood. They are being prepared by Messrs. Raven and Busto, the local architects, in consultation with Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A., who is now in England.

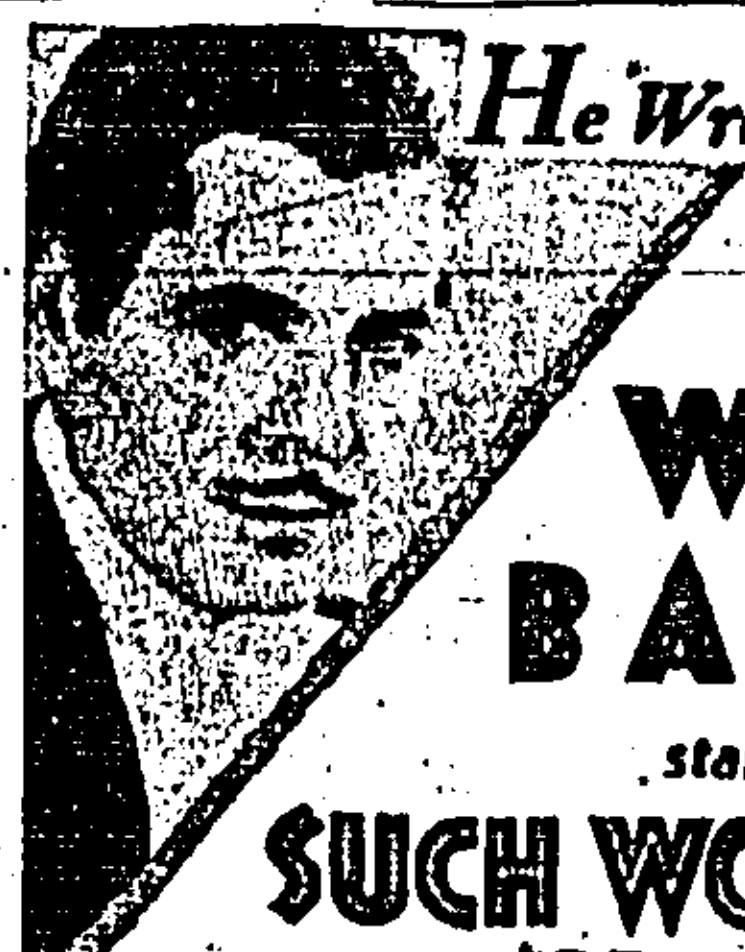
Messrs. Chik Sang Construction Company are the contractors for the building, while the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company are the engineers in charge of the foundations. The Whampoa Dock Company are supplying the steel girders.

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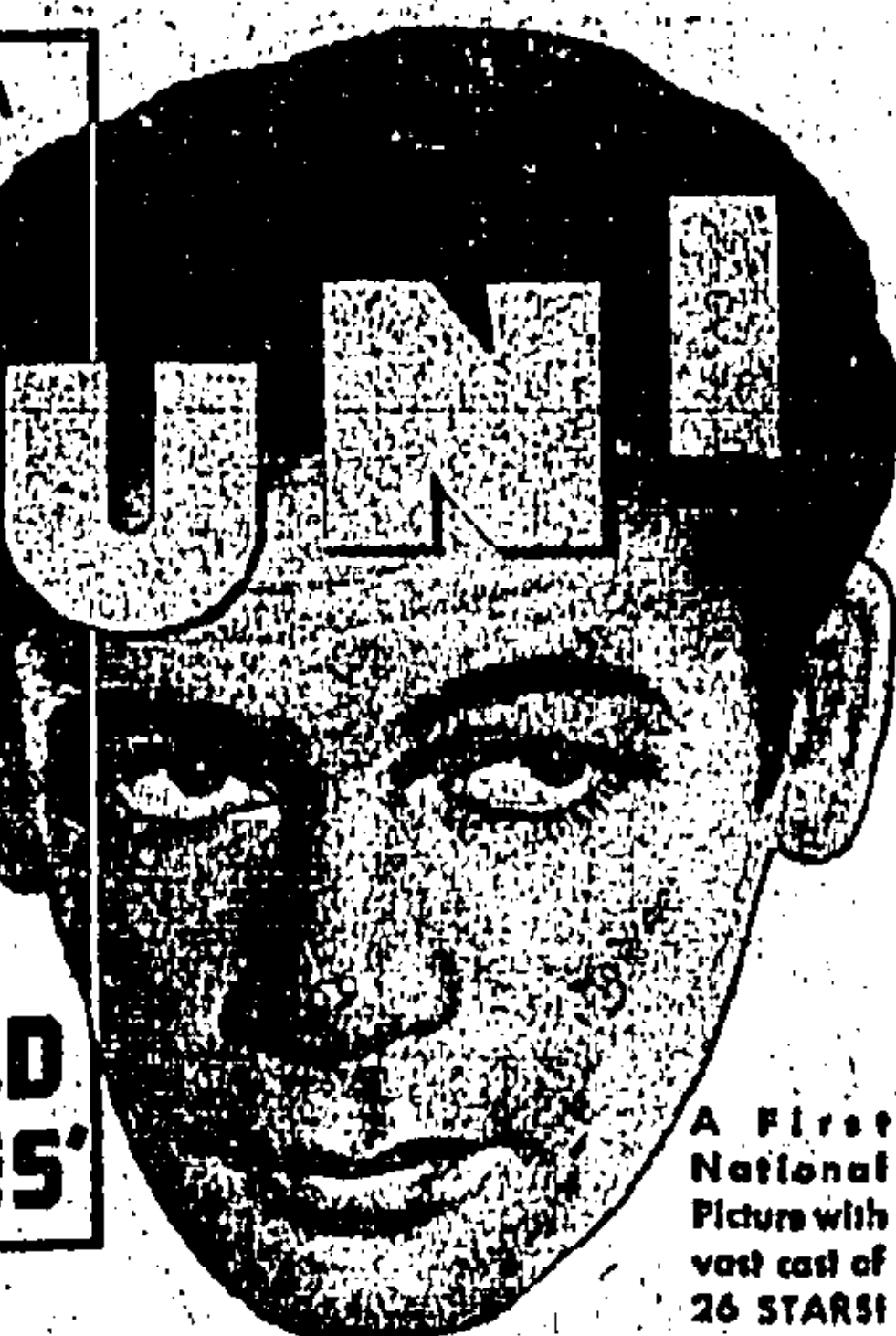
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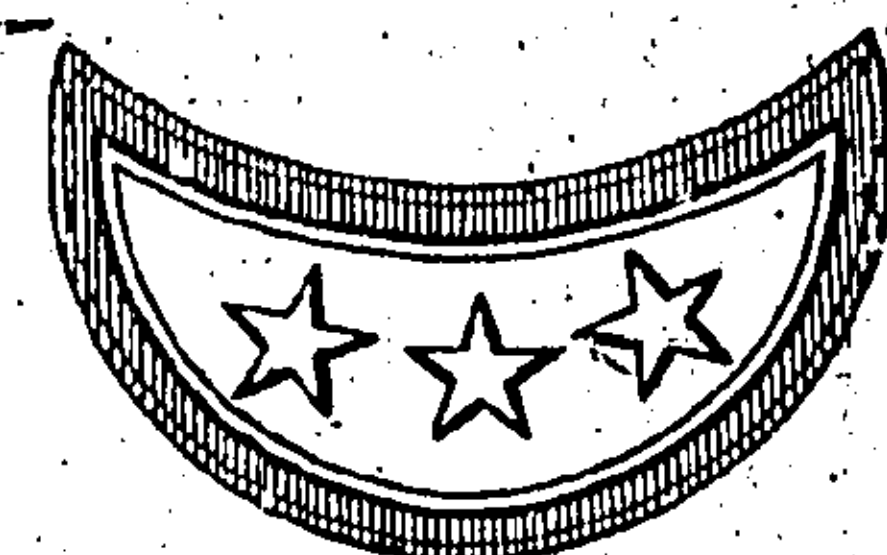
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## UNOFFICIALS CRITICISE COST OF GOVERNMENT

### KIDNAPPER SUSPECT INDICTED

CHARGED WITH  
EXTORTION

EXTRADITION  
PROBABLE

(Special to "Telegraph")

New York, Sept. 26.  
The Grand Jury to-day indicted Richard Hauptmann on a charge of extortion, arising out of the Lindbergh kidnapping and murder case.

The charge for which he will be arraigned carries a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment, but Hauptmann will probably never be tried on this count.

Extradition proceedings have been under way ever since he was arrested, for he is wanted in New Jersey, where the kidnapping occurred, and where he will be held for murder.

MORE RANSOM MONEY.

Meanwhile, detectives have found an additional \$840 in marked ransom bills stuffed into holes in a garage beam, and later found a pistol and six bullets.

Hauptmann had a bad night in his cell. He paced the narrow floor nervously and sobbed frequently.

Colonel Charles Lindbergh testified before the Grand Jury and appeared to be under great strain. Following the Grand Jury's decision, Attorney General Cummings declared that he thought Hauptmann was "the right man."

—United Press.

### U.S. WARSHIP OFF TO AUSTRALIA

VISITING  
MELBOURNE FOR  
CENTENARY

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Sept. 26.

In connection with the visit of Admiral Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, to Australia to participate in the celebration of the founding of Melbourne, Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, announced to-day that the flagship Augusta would leave Shanghai on October 5.

She will go to Guam to inspect the naval base there and from that point travel to Sydney, arriving October 21.

The Augusta will be at Melbourne on October 26 and in Perth on November 28, returning via Batavia, Bali, Makassar, Sandakan and arriving at Manila just before Christmas.—United Press.

### TWO PARTIES IN SENATE RACE

Nominations In New  
Mexico

(Special to "Telegraph")

Phoenix, Sept. 26.

The Republican Party convention has re-nominated Senator Cutting for the senatorial race in New Mexico, while the Democrats have nominated Mr. Dennis Chavez, member of Congress.—United Press.

Knocked down by a lorry on the main road between Pingshan and Un Long yesterday, Choy Chan was admitted yesterday to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries which included a broken arm.



The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, who made a strong plea for reduction of rates at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

### Rare Coins Stolen From Collector

FAMOUS COLLECTION  
MELTED FOR GOLD?

(Special to "Telegraph")

Paris, Sept. 26.

A valuable collection of Fourth Century coins, pieces of the time of Emperor Constantine, of Thirteenth Century "small Noies" and other tokens of the days of Philippe the Fourth, were among the hundred rare specimens stolen last night from M. Etienne Bourgeois.

The collection was valued at \$15,000.

Burglars broke into the study of M. Bourgeois, the well-known numismatist, and rifled his collection cases.

Experts fear that the rare coins will have been melted down for their gold by now and that there will be little chance of recovering any of them, though there are hopes that the thieves may be captured.—Reuter Special.

### BRITISH-AMERICAN YACHT RACE

United States Win The  
First Race For Cup

Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Sept. 26.

America won the first race for the British-American six metre yachts cup to-day, totalling 28½ points to Britain's 10 points. All four American boats finished before the British contestants.

Amis won the race completing the course in 2 hours 18 minutes 45 seconds, while Kyla, the first British boat, took 2 hours 23 minutes 25 seconds. The twelve mile course was windward and leeward, and the yachts finished in the following order:

Amis, Challenger, Bobcat, Lucie (United States), Kyla, Saakla, Molta, and Vorsa (Britain).

The American boats got weather berths at the start and led throughout the race, their parachute spinnakers drawing better than the British ventilated type. Kyla was nearly two minutes behind Lucie.

—Reuter.

### CYCLIST BADLY INJURED

HITS WALL & DROPS  
INTO NULLAH

Chan Kam, living at Yaumati,

was riding an ordinary bicycle yesterday when he collided with the wall of a nullah near the No. 6 Railway Bridge, in Argyle Street.

He was catapulted over the handle-bars and landed in the nullah, receiving injuries of a serious nature. The victim was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

### DEMAND FOR REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT RATE

BOLDER FINANCIAL POLICY  
DEEMED ESSENTIAL

### BRIGHTER HONGKONG PLEA

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HELD THEIR FIELD-DAY THIS AFTERNOON WHEN, ON THE SECOND READING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL, THEY SUBMITTED VIEWS ON THE COLONY'S BUDGET.

THE HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT WAS THE MOST RINGING NOTE OF CRITICISM. THE HON. MR. R. H. KOTEWALL MADE A PARTICULARLY TRENTANT SPEECH ON THIS ISSUE AND STRONGLY URGED A FOUR PER CENT. REDUCTION IN THE RATES AND A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF RATING CHINESE TENEMENT HOUSES. THE COST OF THESE CONCESSIONS, HE SUGGESTED SHOULD BE MET FROM COLONY'S SURPLUS.

THE HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA ALSO CRITICISED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS SAYING RATEPAYERS WERE LEFT IN THE PREDICAMENT OF HAVING TO WORK OUT THEIR OWN SALVATION.

Delivering the principal speech, the Hon. Sir William Shenton stressed the need for a new Assembly Hall and Theatre in place of the old City. In common with other members, he regretted the lack of provision for a civil aviation subsidy. He urged an extension of the Colony's road system to link up with the proposed Shum Chun-Canton and Road also construction of a highway from the border to the thoroughfare which will eventually run from Chen Mok Tau to Poochow.

Sir William also criticised the gambling facilities at Shum Chun, just over the British border, and hinted that the Canton Government might be approached on the matter.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie dealt at length with shipping matters and also advocated propaganda boosting Hongkong as a winter resort, and the abolition of irksome restrictions on outlets for popular but innocent amusements.

### FAITH IN HONGKONG FUTURE

SIR W. SHENTON  
OPTIMISTIC

CIVIC BUILDING  
NEEDS

The Hon. Sir William Shenton spoke on behalf of the Unofficial members on matters of general concern, his colleagues dealing with subjects in which they were individually or particularly interested.

Expressing satisfaction at the healthy position of the Colony's finances, he said: "We congratulate Your Excellency, and the members of the Government concerned, on the healthy position of the Colony's finances. In these days of depression, it is a matter for grave concern that when the Colony is passing through an economic depression, there is no sign of an improvement in the visible cost of administration should actually be on the increase. It is true that the total draft Estimate of Expenditure for 1934, as compared with that for 1933, shows a decrease of \$1,366,692; but when we analyse the figures, and deduct from this sum the anticipated savings from Special Expenditure (\$276,495), Military Contribution (\$222,700) and Public Works Extraordinary (\$592,500), the net decrease comes to only \$264,898. If, however, a comparison is made with the revised Estimate for 1934—a truer criterion—then the Budget provides for an increase of \$1,083,102, in spite of reduction in Public Works Extraordinary amounting to \$800,550.

In other words, the Government proposes to spend \$1,083,102 more next year than it expects to have spent by the end of the current year. According to the Abstract of Differences under "Recapitulation," new posts are being created at an estimated cost of \$78,327, expected to be saved by the abolition of existing posts, is deducted from it, there is still the considerable increase of \$125,711. The position would have been much worse were it not for the fact that the Budget is based on a more favourable rate of exchange.

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NOVEL EXPERIENCE.

"We realise that a favourable exchange has been a most important factor in the preparation of the Estimates, and this becomes strikingly apparent when one reads the abstract of differences, or peruses the footnotes of the Draft Estimates. For a continuance of this satisfactory position, we must look for similar or higher rates in the future. When

### TAXATION REDUCTION DEMAND

MR. KOTEWALL  
ON ECONOMY

ADMINISTRATION  
TOO COSTLY

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall said: "I purpose this year, in view of these abnormal times, to abstain from comments on individual items in the draft Estimate, so as to concentrate on broad principles of Budgeting and general policy of administration with due consideration of existing circumstances. In all I am going to say I have the concurrence of my Chinese colleagues.

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BEARING THE COST.

There is just one more point in connection with the dredging of the harbour and the carrying out of harbour improvements generally, on which I feel I must touch, that is regarding the cost of any such work. It may be said that any increased harbour facilities primarily benefit shipping (which already contributes largely to the revenue of the Colony) and the carriage of goods, but they ultimately benefit the whole community and it is only reasonable that the cost should be spread over the community rather than charged to a section thereof. I consider therefore that any new works of this nature should be carried out entirely at the expense of Government, with which view, Sir, I hope you concur.

If this principle is recognised and adopted you may perhaps care to reconsider the Government's decision to charge the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., with half the cost of dredging the fairway to the new No. 5 Wharf. It is admitted that the cost of dredging the fairway to the new No. 5 Wharf is admitted to be \$250,000.



The Hon. Sir William Shenton, who delivered the principal Unofficial speech on the Budget at the Legislative Council meeting to-day.

### PROTECTING INDUSTRY

LABOUR RELATIONS  
BOARD'S DUTY

SETTLING AMERICA  
STRIKE DISPUTES

Washington, Sept. 26.

On the heels of an announcement that the N.R.A. would be revised, President Roosevelt to-day announced a new step for the settlement of interests of manufacturers and labour by the appointment of a Labour Relations Board for the textile industry.

This Board will endeavour to settle all disputes arising out of the recent strike, which was abandoned on Saturday last when the unions gained their salient points.

Chief Justice Walter Stacey of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, will be acting chairman of the Board for a fortnight. The other members are Rear-Admiral Henry Wiley and Mr. James Mulholland, the Labour arbitrator. All three are members of the Steel Industry Labour Relations Board.—Reuter.

### WELSH MINE DISASTER FUND

Further Local Donations  
Received

To the Fund opened by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of the sufferers and dependents in the Wrexham mine disaster, in which over 260 lives were lost, we have received the following donations:

Already acknowledged... \$5.00.  
Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Pereira 15.00.  
14th H.K. Wolf Club Pack 5.00.

We are informed by the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong St. David's Society that the Society has so far collected \$200 on behalf of the Fund.

### RUBBER QUOTAS FINALLY FIXED

Holland Reports Of  
Agreement

London, Sept. 26.

The Financial Times Amsterdam correspondent learns in well-informed quarters that the Rubber Control Committee has practically settled the differences among producer-nations regarding restrictions.

It is announced that the quota for the first quarter or half of 1935 will be approximately 80 per cent.—Reuter.

Miss Doreen Ma, the talented local pianist, will give a jazz piano recital from the studio at 22W to-night.

### H.K. Dollar Rises With Silver

HIGHEST LEVEL  
SINCE 1930

AMERICA MAY RAISE  
PRICE

For the first time since 1930, the Hongkong dollar has reached the 1s. 7d. mark, this being the official quotation this morning.

The rise follows the advance in silver prices in London yesterday. Locally, the market was very dull this morning, with practically no business passing.

Silver in London rose a farthing yesterday, making the spot price 22.1/16d., the highest since 1929. The advance was chiefly due to less China selling and further buying by America, India and speculators. The tone of the market at the close was uncertain. U.S. BUYING.

The New York Wall Street Journal, according to advices received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, reports that the United States Smelting Corporation declared a dividend of \$2 per share, bringing the total so far for 1934 to \$9. This is the highest in the history of the Company, and is due to Government buying of silver.

From the same source it is reported that there are fresh rumours that the U.S. Treasury plans to increase the price of silver.

SWEDEN'S POLICY.

New York, Sept. 26.  
A report that Sweden intends withdrawing from the sterling bloc, and is considering dollar allegiance, is taken as evidence that the United States monetary policy will have a preponderant effect upon world prices.—Our Own Correspondent.

MONTREAL EXCHANGE.

New York, Sept. 26.  
The opening of the Montreal Silver Exchange has been postponed to October 3, declared representatives of the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges when interviewed by Reuter, owing to the state of the negotiations between the two Stock Exchanges for the establishment in the respective cities of silver futures trading.—Reuter.

### PRESSURE ON GOLD NATIONS

DEVALUATION OF  
FRANC LIKELY

STABILISATION  
DISCUSSIONS

Washington, Sept. 26.  
Despite opposition by the French Cabinet, devaluation of the franc is becoming more attractive to practical politico-economists in France. Paris expects the sterling-franc rate to go to 70 or below, after which pressure on Belgium, Holland and Switzerland is likely to force them off gold.

A world factor of major importance is the spread of the exchange clearing system throughout the Continent. British opinion is that exchange clearing is likely to become the world system.

Future stabilisation of international currencies is under "unofficial" discussion. The "unofficial" will be a 25 per cent. rise for gold, a result of which should be an international increase in commodity prices, which would possibly be the forerunner of a more than temporary recovery.—Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.



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# TRAINING OF CHILDREN PUNISHMENTS CAN BE CRUEL

By Olive Roberts Barton  
Years ago, I read in one of  
Rider Haggard's books about a hero  
imprisoned in a secret cave. His  
description of the quiet and the dark-  
ness with such reality and the  
terror of that absolute silence, so  
vividly that although the plot and  
story are gone, that chapter still  
lingers to haunt me.

Prisoners in solitary confine-  
ment in deep dungeons often go  
mad. The mold and vermin, the  
starvation and bodily torture are  
nothing, those who recover relate  
in their memoirs, compared to the  
thundering silence.

Therefore it would seem that  
man's senses were not made to  
stand a void. They were not made  
to experience silence. The silence  
of lone vast distances under the  
sky, the peace of night, and the  
revery of mountain tops—these  
are not voids. They are filled  
with sounds of nature, often  
indiscernible but satisfying to  
the subconscious mind. One feels  
contact somehow with mysterious  
forces. He belongs at last to the  
universe and something tells him  
so. It is different from the  
loneliness of imprisonment be-  
tween walls.

## CLOSET PUNISHMENT.

When a child is punished by be-  
ing shut away in a closet, to his  
father it is just a closet, a cubicle  
in which the sinner can meditate  
on his sin, cut off from human  
souls.

But to the poor little prisoner,  
with his child's imagination, it is  
Rider Haggard's cave, the medi-  
eval dungeon, the pit of a most  
frightful loneliness. Its silence he  
exaggerates, its darkness and  
smallness adds horrors. He  
peoples it with monsters beyond  
the pale of fairy tales.

There is probably no agony of  
mind invented by man equal to  
that of completely black imprison-  
ment.

## LACKS IMAGINATION.

One would think that even the  
most ignorant would know this.  
And yet, only recently I talked to  
a mother who resented this type  
of punishment as the mildest she  
could inflict. And she is not an  
ignorant person in the least.

It was simply impossible for her  
to project her mind into a dark  
hole where egress was impossible  
save at the pleasure of an angry  
person who had to cool off.

The parent with any imagina-  
tion at all would never try it. It  
is a terrible thing, indeed.

# ARMS SMUGGLED INTO BRITAIN

AMERICAN MAKERS  
WORST OFFENDERS

London, Sept. 25.

Any London criminal can get as  
many revolvers and machine-guns  
as he wants here provided he knows  
where to go.

Special Scotland Yard officers are  
working night and day to break up  
a powerful gang which has been  
running guns into London for  
years.

It is stated that they know the  
identity of at least three big un-  
licensed distributors or firearms,  
but raids on suspected hide-outs  
have so far failed to locate any  
caches.

Most of the firearms are of  
American manufacture, and are  
said to be smuggled in by seamen.  
Large quantities also come from  
France and Belgium.—United  
Press.

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and skirt, black and dusky pink  
check linen waistcoat blouse,  
and Breton sailor hat of the  
check linen."

## WHEN APPLYING IODINE

MANY people who use iodine do  
not realise that a great deal  
of pain can be spared if only those  
applying it know how to do it pro-  
perly. Iodine is very painful on a  
fresh cut or wound, but if the  
circulation is stopped for a few  
seconds while the iodine is being  
applied, there is hardly any pain  
at all. It is an easy matter to  
stop the circulation; it is merely a  
matter of holding the hand or  
finger very tightly just below the  
wound.

# Easy Chance For \$5,000

BUT MRS. PATTON  
WON'T MARRY

Cincinnati, Sept. 25.

Unless she is married by October  
28, Mrs. Josephine B. Patton,  
Norwood, a widow who admits  
being "around forty" will lose  
\$5,000.

Information to the effect that the  
time limit on a conditional legacy  
expires on that date was verified  
by Mrs. Patton recently. She said  
the bequest was made by a former  
admirer she had refused to wed  
years ago. She would not disclose  
his name nor where he lives.  
Although she has "no hopes of  
claiming the money," Mrs. Patton  
said she was not worrying about  
the loss.

"I have just started in a new  
business," she said, "and I am more  
concerned in its success than in  
anything else."

Mrs. Patton said her husband  
had been dead 16 years and that  
any time within the last 11 years  
she could have had the \$25,000 by  
getting married.—United Press.

# "WILL EMPTY OUR CHURCHES"

Broadcast Services  
Condemned

The opinion that broadcast re-  
ligion will empty the churches was  
one of several striking views ex-  
pressed by Dr. J. H. Roginald  
Dixon, opening a discussion on  
broadcast services at the Congress  
of the Incorporated Association of  
Organists at Portsmouth recently.  
"You cannot broadcast a soul,"  
said Dr. Dixon, who is organist of  
Lancaster Cathedral, "norther  
can you broadcast a soul's highest  
aspirations, and this is prayer."  
"Though words of prayers may  
be spoken into a microphone, yet  
the Almighty God is not to be re-  
garded as listening in to the  
loud-speaker. Neither can one  
imagine him as a humble even-  
dropper, curious to hear what a  
speaker says to the microphone."  
"When a person communes with  
his Maker, all thoughts of broad-  
cast technique come as intrusions  
to spoil his devotion. Therefore  
prayer is one of the least suitable  
subjects for broadcasting. Again,  
for similar reasons, preces and  
responses are also unsuitable, un-  
less all ideas of sincerity are to  
be ignored."

Dr. Dixon said that the micro-  
phone showed up unexpected  
blemishes in unaccompanied chor-  
al singing. Unless a choir had  
exceptional ability this form of  
music should not be broadcast.  
An occasional item by the choir  
accompanied might be attempted,  
but he stressed the value of con-  
gregational singing with organ  
accompaniment.

The reading of Scripture seemed  
an overdone feature, he went on.  
The doings of  
of Jehoshaphat, Jonah and Jero-  
boam could be read at leisure by  
all who were interested.

"LITTLE TO DO WITH WORSHIP."  
"They have very little to do with  
real worship, and only tend to divert  
attention from the real purpose for  
which religion stands. Cut them  
down," he said.

"The talks and sermons should  
reach a more positive level of in-  
struction and encouragement than  
the cold and neutral spirit of bene-  
volence with which B.B.C. religion  
seems to have identified itself."

More life, energy, and persuasive-  
ness would result were every pre-  
acher permitted to give his complete  
message in full accord with the  
doctrines of his church, the only  
condition being to avoid giving  
hurt or annoyance to those of dif-  
ferent creeds. He would like also  
to see given, every Sunday, a broad-  
cast by each of the principal re-  
ligious bodies in the country,  
instead of as at present an un-  
balanced scheme. Other religious  
bodies, such as the Unitarians,  
Jews, Greek Orthodox, and Swed-  
enborgians, might be given an oc-  
casional broadcast.

"But do not let us regard a broad-  
cast service as a substitute for the  
real thing," said Dr. Dixon. "The  
real thing cannot be broadcast."  
The object should be to provide  
a foretaste of the joys to come in  
actual attendance at a service.  
"Passive B.B.C. broadcast re-  
ligion will empty our churches, as so  
much 'passive' listening-in has  
emptied our concert halls and teach-  
ing studios," he said.

QUESTION OF PAYMENT.  
Dr. Dixon went on to say that  
he did not think the B.B.C. ought  
to expect church officials to do the  
extra work entailed by a broadcast  
service, without financial recom-  
pense. Organists' salaries were  
not on a princely scale.

"The B.B.C. is neither a charita-  
ble society nor a poor relation,"  
he said. "It receives sufficient  
public money to justify our asking  
them to consider the adequate pay-  
ment of those who contribute to the  
programme."

He pointed out that many  
listeners to church services did not  
contribute to the collection, but did  
contribute to the B.B.C. This body  
should, therefore, in strict justice,  
make out to the churches and their  
officers a fair share of the collection  
money.

# A FURTHER SELECTION OF BOOKS FOR THE MUSIC LOVER.

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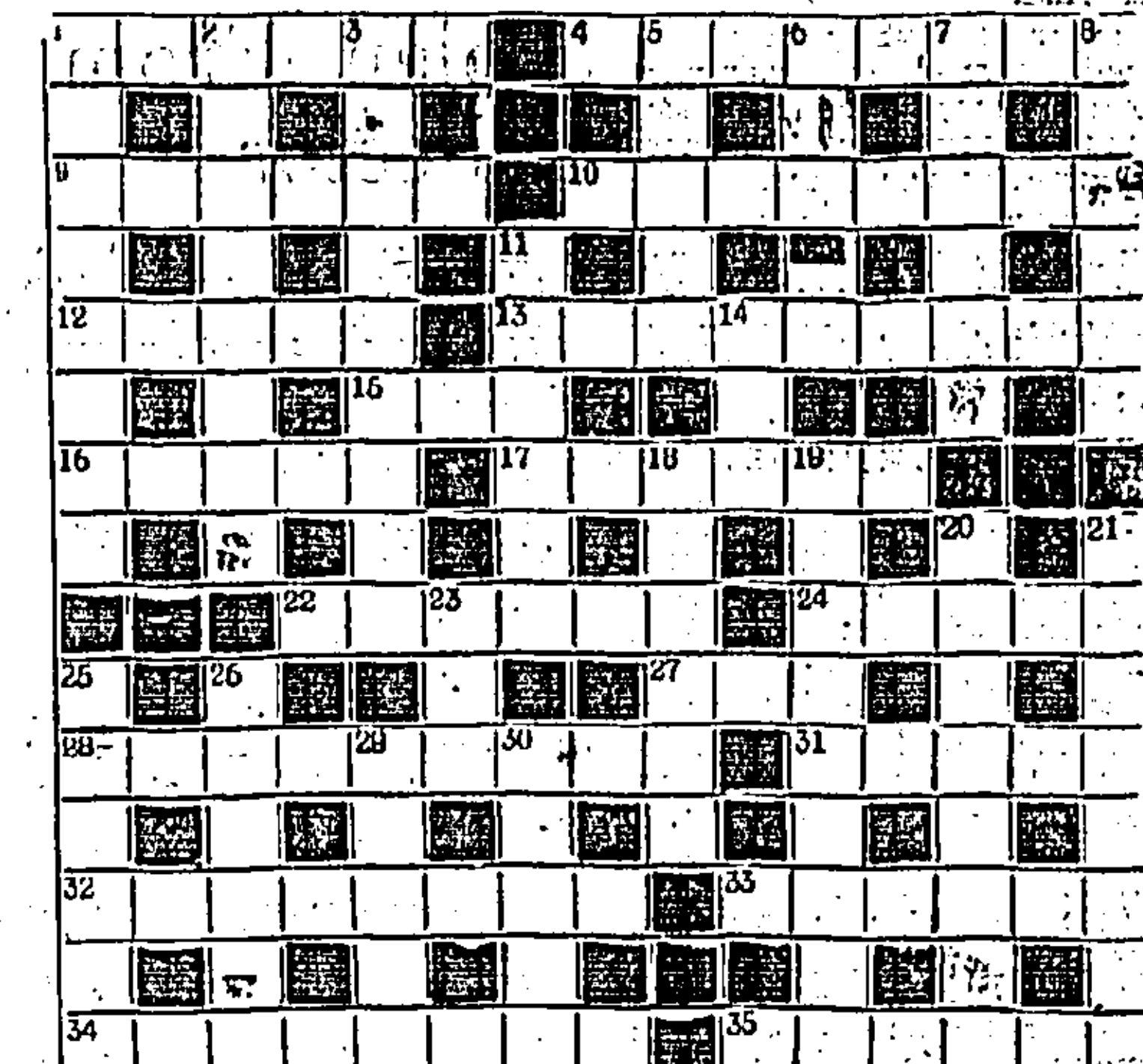
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## Across

1. Make sure to be right.
4. Outlined with an awl round another tool.
9. This isn't, really, anything until a period of time makes it of service to a policeman.
10. Leave.
12. A note of quantity.
13. Someone has described these as humorous east-off clothes.
15. Bold remark if made to a bird reversed in the fireplace.
16. Shows that there is a strain of some sort.
17. It's most peculiar.
22. Not so fresh as its own story helps to show.
24. A animal, if you will allow me to say so.
27. Ancestral tree.
31. Friends.
32. Liquid container (rev.).
33. Take cover and seem not to see, for it means to deceive.
34. Can it be a fast dye? There is nothing to show that it doesn't run at last.
35. Poor reds (anag.).
36. There's a change for the girl you want.

## Down

1. It's just a guess that I'm in my own property, but it will be correct.
2. So ripping that it deprives one of sense—of proportion, shall we say?
3. Here I offer a suitable position for a sleeping partner.
5. Merely show.
6. Made in Roman guise.
7. This annual competition keeps its distance.
8. Suitable for formal occasions.
11. Where children—and whales meet.
14. It's all up!
18. Imprisonment is indicated, so make tracks for these.
20. What's wrong in the dish? It's simply "dibolical!"
21. Let's the demon appear.
23. A laugh.
25. One wonders why intelligence should make her fade, but there you are.
26. Mixed sports for men.
29. Cut down, so we hear, to be the fashion.
30. Leave at the end of this dance.

## Yesterday's Solution

JIBS TBAOLIEPER  
OUE CAN LIDREI  
SURROGATE IDEAL  
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## AMAZING DISCOVERIES IN INDUS VALLEY

BY DR. J. M. MACFIE

Royal tombs, palaces and temples belonging to the 4th millennium B.C. have been unearthed in Egypt and Ur of the Chaldees. We have grown accustomed to all that. At best such gorgeous remains are remote from the common life. But nobody expected to read of a populous town, carefully built and carefully planned, with straight streets running true to the points of the compass, with an elaborate drainage system, substantial houses made of bricks that are practically indestructible, provided with baths, and in some cases with central heating; with a great public bath also, to which final luxury no parallel can be found till the period of the Romans is reached.

And yet all these wonders have been brought to light during the last twelve years in Northern India, showing that 5,000 years ago the people of the Indus valley enjoyed a civilisation that in certain respects was superior to anything that Mesopotamia and Egypt possessed. In these other countries, as Sir John Marshall, head of the Indian Archaeological Department has said, money and thought were lavished on temples, palaces, and tombs, while the rest of the people had to be content with houses built of mud. On the banks of the Indus it was all the other way; there is no trace, so far at least, of either temples or palaces. The solid build-



Japanese school girls must learn how to bandage wounded soldiers—just in case.

ings that have defied the ravages of time are the dwellings of the citizens.

### DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT.

The ancient remains to which we refer were discovered only by accident at a place called Mohenjodaro, or Mound of the Dead, on the banks of the River Indus about 200 miles north of Karachi. The late Mr. Daniell, one of Sir John Marshall's colleagues in the year 1922, had started to dig around the ruins of a Buddhist monastery and stupa. As the work progressed he discovered several seals with inscriptions in a script not yet deciphered, similar to others that had been found only the year before at Harappa in the Punjab. These seals it was conclusively proved belonged to the Chaldean Age, when implements of stone were still in use. This discovery led to systematic excavations, which are still going on under the auspices of Government, and they reveal in the areas that have been dealt with so far, two long streets 30 feet broad, carefully planned at right angles to one another, with narrower streets and lanes between, also constructed in straight lines.

The houses that line these streets are built in terrace fashion, but they are self-contained, so self-contained that they are not content with party walls. Indeed, the solidity of these dwellings would amaze the owner of one of our present-day bungalows, for the outer walls are frequently four or five feet thick. The smallest houses that have been unearthed contain two rooms, and not unnaturally have been built of more stony material. On the other hand, there are houses, with more than 60 rooms, which, it has been suggested, were intended as residences for their gods and attendants. But nothing has been found in any of them that would suggest a sacred character. They contain three central courtyards open to the sky, and are more likely to have been family houses with accommodation for several generations of close kindred, such as sometimes occurs with Hindu households at the present day.

### PAVED BATHROOM.

One medium-sized house has been carefully described. The upper storey has disappeared. It had been constructed at least partly of wood, the charred remains of which—deodar from the Himalayas—are still visible. But the ground floor had a central courtyard with kitchen annex, a row of small rooms presumably for servants, a well, and a bathroom carefully paved to avoid leaking, and possessed of a service window through which soiled garments could be passed. Drainage pipes lead from this bathroom and also from the upper storey to the bigger and covered drains which line both sides of every street.

It takes us beyond the purpose of this article, but it was not only in town planning and house building that the Indus valley civilisation excelled. One cannot forbear quoting Sir John Marshall's tribute to two small statues of the human form that they are work of which a Greek of the 4th. century B.C. might well have been proud.

It is manifest from these discoveries that the early history of Indus will have to be re-written. We were taught to believe that when the Aryans invaded India from the North-West they found the country in the possession of a black-skinned barbarian people, whom they spoke of as slaves. Such aboriginals there no doubt were. They are in India still. But it is very remarkable that a people so intelligent and cultured as the race which could produce the Hymns of the Rig Veda should have remained ignorant of, or perhaps chosen to ignore, this much earlier civilisation, a civilisation which cannot have been confined to the banks of the Indus.

### SLOBBERY KISSES

#### Those "Bright Young Things"

The conduct of "bright young things" at a fashionable dance is criticised by Lady Beatrix Dunsley in a letter to the *London Morning Post*.

She writes:—

I go to few dances nowadays, but when I do I have been shocked at the many drunken people one sees. Not so long ago I went to a fashionable ball in England, where a great many "bright young things" had all "done themselves too well," as the saying goes.

One party in particular attracted my notice—two very pretty, very young girls with several young men cul-de-lane and lurching at supper, where they sat together. A champagne bottle was flung over one girl, who was dripping wet. The rest of the party showed no concern, surprise, or even merriment. They gazed at her with half-closed eyes and dull expressions.

Later on I saw a very pretty girl, with half the paint rubbed off her face and untidy hair, being pushed about between two young men propped up in a doorway. Finally she flung herself on to one and started a slobbery kissing all over his face. There were servants standing about looking on. These were all children of well-known people—some who bear historic names.

### DEGENERACY AND ROTTENNESS.

A young married woman I knew slightly staggered up to us and talked nonsense. My party told me they were accustomed to such scenes, but I can only say it horrified and distressed me. The odd thing is that no one else seemed to mind or pay any attention. The example set is deplorable—and the poorer classes are only too ready to ape their so-called "superiors."

What sort of parents will these be in the future, and what will their progeny be like? Sudden with drink, smoke, and no self-restraint! The "smart set" fathers and mothers of the present day seem too busy to pay heed to their offspring—many of them engaged in the pursuit of other husbands and wives.

Was it not so in the days of the decline of Rome: Is "the writing on the wall"? Will our Empire not also totter and fall?

Are there no people left with vision and courage to protest and fight against all the degeneracy and rottenness of our age before it is too late?

### STUDYING BRITISH GRID SYSTEM

#### FOREIGN EXPERTS COME TO LEARN

London, Sept. 25.

Experts from abroad recently arrived in England to study the big British "electricity grid" which is to harness and drive, as a team of nine, all the generating stations in England, Scotland and Wales.

This £27,000,000 "grid" was begun in 1926 and has just been completed, though the nine districts will not be physically harnessed together until 1936 when, it is anticipated, all the generating stations and consumers will be converted to the same "standard of frequency," and every corner of the United Kingdom will be able to tap abundant and cheap electric current.

The investigators arrive at an opportune moment, for the "grid" as a transmission system is now complete, has solved all its numerous legal problems, and to the general surprise, has had its first big breakdown.—*United Press*.



New "detectors" used by the French army in the defence of the frontier from air attacks.

### STRUCK FIRST MATCH.

#### PLAN FOR STATUE OF INVENTOR.

The tradesmen of Budapest are starting a movement to raise funds for a statue of the man who struck the first match.

The Hungarians say that the match was invented by Janos Irinyi.

That was in 1836 when he was carrying out experiments at the Vienna Technical High School.

Irinyi sold his invention for £5.

Stamps showing Irinyi striking a match will be issued and stuck on all matchboxes and it is hoped that the small extra charge will provide more than enough money to erect a statue and memorial tablet on the site of Irinyi's First Match Factory in Budapest.

All relics bearing on his life and work are to be collected and presented to the Hungarian Museum.



Senator Huey Long of Louisiana, believes in asking for what he wants; and shouting if he doesn't get it. He's the man who started private "war" in New Orleans.

### PAINLESS BIRTHS

#### Reported Success Of New Gas Method

#### NO DANGER

It has been said that until recently the progress attained in the relief of pain during childbirth came to a standstill with the word of Simpson. The use of chloroform capsules and the support provided by the National Birthday Trust Fund have certainly altered this state of affairs, writes a *London Morning Post* correspondent.

The ideal anæsthetic which could be used by midwives or by doctors engaged in a busy general practice has, however, not been altogether provided by the chloroform capsules, and some experts have definitely criticised their use on the grounds of danger and to a lesser extent of expense. During the past few months extensive trials of a simple gas apparatus have demonstrated another possible solution of the problem.

Gas is delivered from a cylinder in the ordinary way through a reduced pressure valve which enables a small rubber bag enclosed in a metal drum to be slowly filled. When this bag is full the flow of gas is automatically shut off. The gas is administered in a mixture with air (about one part of gas to two of air) through a closely fitting rubber mask.

#### INGENIOUS SYSTEM.

This mask is fitted with a spring finger-release which is pressed down during inspiration. Should the pressure be released then the gas supply is cut off and the patient breathes air only.

A portable machine, weighing about 15 lb. without the gas cylinders, will allow of the machine being carried into the home. Once the mask has been adjusted the patient can control the gas supply herself by the finger-spring device already described. The object is to secure relief of pain without loss of consciousness, and should the degree of depression become too great the pressure of the patient's fingers automatically releases and reduces the depth of anæsthesia.

Scientific work has shown that, self-administered in this way, there is no danger to mother or child. The method has been tried at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, and at University College Hospital.

It is stated that the education of nurses in the use of the method is to be begun at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital, and mean-

### DEAD SOLDIER RETURNS

#### UNRECOGNISED BY WIFE.

Twenty years ago, Fedor Tofel went to the war as a soldier in the Rumanian Army. Officially listed as dead, he returned home this month, according to a message from Bukharest, says Reuter from Paris.

Trembling with excitement he approached his front door. It was opened by his wife, who had remarried. Instead of being welcomed with open arms, the dusty, fearful Fedor found himself roundly accused of being an impostor.

Broken-hearted he turned away and in despair visited some old friends, hoping they would recognise traces of the boy of 20 in the haggard, weather-beaten man he had become through incredible hardships. They tried faint resemblances.

The authorities and the police were able to produce several men who had been his fellow-prisoners in Russian camps. These were able to corroborate parts of his story. Taken prisoner by the Russians, Fedor had been sent far into the Caucasus. He escaped in 1917, and ever since he had led a wandering existence, enduring great hardships and being constantly harried, as he had no civil identity papers and no money.

Always he worked his way in the direction of Rumania. Finally he escaped over the U.S.S.R. frontier, under the fire of the Soviet guards. His home is in Prienle, Transylvania, and there is to be what is regarded as a happy ending to his odyssey. The authorities have overcome the difficulty of his being officially dead, and have restored to him his name. As for his wife, he has renounced all claim to her, and handed her over to her present "husband." He is now seeking for another.

while not a few doctors have already learned the value of the apparatus in their own practice.

Dr. R. J. Minnitt is largely responsible for the details of the method, which is fully described in the current issue of the "Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine." The amount of gas used is about 45 gallons per hour, and obviously both the initial cost of the apparatus and the cost of the gas will materially affect the popularity of the method.

The success so far reported, however, well justifies further trials, and the economic aspects can shortly be reviewed by the experts.



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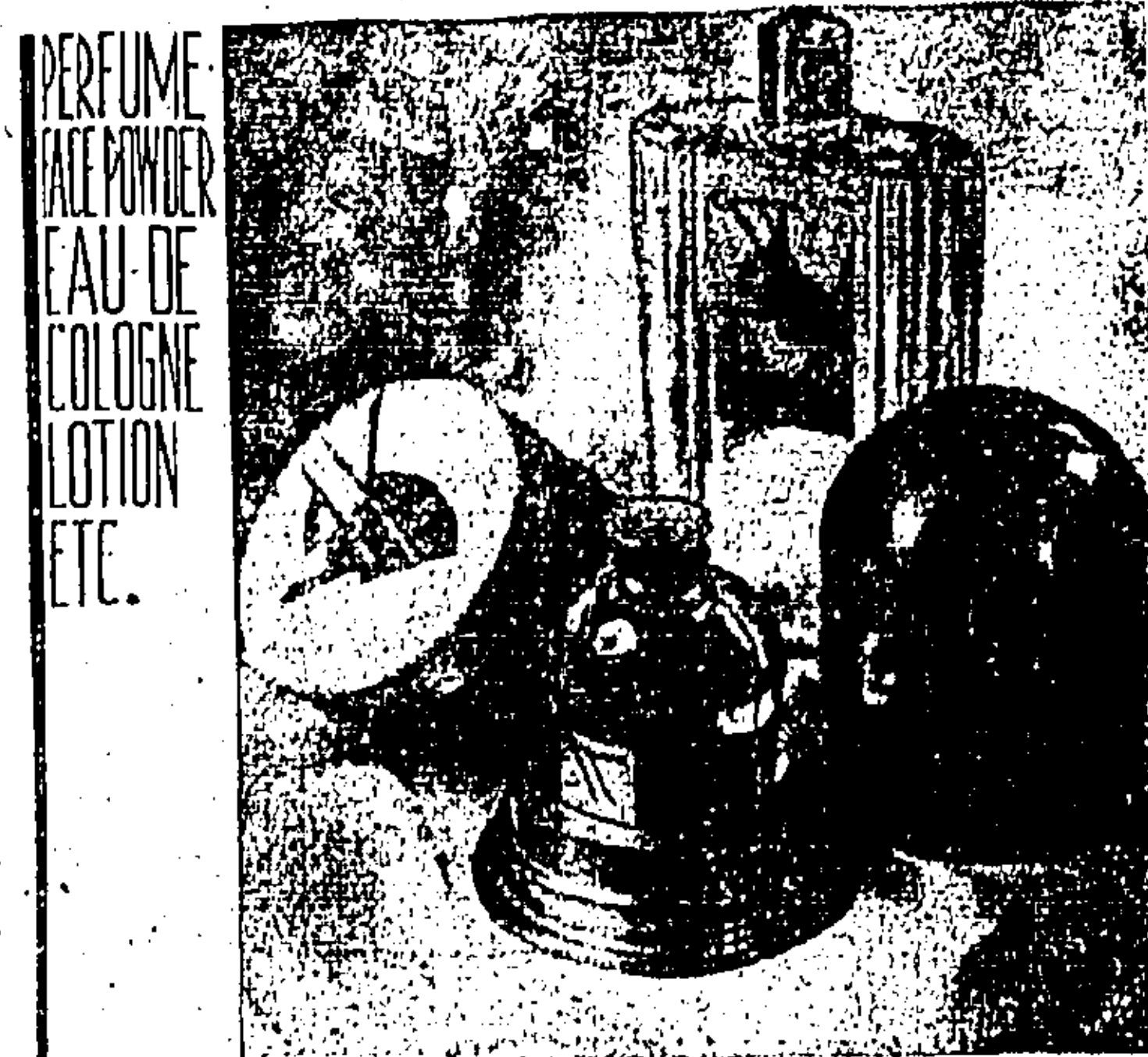
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A destitute, Li Shing, was rescued yesterday by a wharf coolie, Lau Ping, after he had thrown himself into the harbour from Jardine's Wharf.

Attempting to alight from a moving bus at Aberdeen yesterday, Chang Sau, a native of Wong Chuk Hang village, was seriously injured when he landed on his face and broke his jaw. A woman at Whitfield was seriously injured, her skull being fractured, when she also attempted to alight from a tram before it had stopped.

## AIR MAIL LINK FOR COLONY

MR. BELL STRESSES URGENT NEED

## FAST CONTACT NECESSARY

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell said:—I regret to find that no provision has been made in respect of a subsidy to commercial aviation, and I would like to support the remarks made by my Honourable friends, Sir William Shenton and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie on this subject. It would appear from this omission that there is no immediate prospect of Hongkong being linked up with any of the main airways of the world. This is not a pleasant prospect, because commercial aviation is going ahead at such a great pace that it will not be long before most of the great commercial centres of the world are linked up by air. We cannot possibly contemplate Hongkong being cut out, I know that there are a great many difficulties, but surely they cannot be insuperable. It may be argued, of course, that there is no great demand for commercial services, but I feel quite sure that a demand would arise rapidly if the facilities were provided.

## DELAY A FACTOR.

It is quite possible that the amount of air mail sent from Hongkong is not very large, but it suffers from the disadvantage of having to be sent by steamer to Singapore or Saigon where there is either a delay of two or three days or the possibility of missing the connection, thus detracting from its advantages. I feel quite sure there would be a great increase in the air mail sent from Hongkong if we could see an air liner leaving, say, once a week from the aerodrome at Kai Tak—on which, incidentally, the Colony has spent a great deal of money—and people knew that their ring accidents, their letters would be delivered in London within eight days.

It is quite true that the service would not pay at first and, therefore, no private company could undertake to provide a service without a substantial subsidy from the Government. In time, however, I am quite sure that the service would pay its way. The general public would very soon become air-minded when the tremendous saving in time both as regards passengers and mail was appreciated. I believe that the Government have done their best under difficult circumstances, but I trust that the absence of the provision for a possible subsidy does not mean that they are in any way relaxing their efforts.

## I.G.P.'s SALARY.

I regret to see that the salary of the Head of our Police Force and Fire Brigade is in future to be reduced. If the salaries of all Government officials were to be reduced proportionately, as has happened in practically every mercantile firm in the Colony, then no exception could be taken. This, however, seems to be a solitary instance and one naturally enquires for the reason. The Government has, for a number of years, been building up a staff of trained police officers and I understand that this process is nearing completion and that when the present I.G.P. retires the custom of appointing a No. 1 Cadet to the post will cease. The Salaries Commission has recommended that when the change was effected the proposed reduction should be made. The recommendation is given in Clause 112 of the Report by the Salaries Commission. It is unfortunate, however, that no reason is given for the recommendation. With all due respect to the very able gentlemen who composed that Commission, I cannot find myself in agreement with them.

The Police Force consists of a number of men of different nationalities functioning on land on the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories and on sea with the waters of the Colony. In addition the post of I.G.P. carries with it, at present, the position of Head of the Fire Brigade—an important post. The Water Police are provided with launches some of which are armed with 6-pounder guns and machine guns, carry searchlights etc., and have to deal with acts of piracy within the waters of the Colony.

## BIG RESPONSIBILITY.

It is obvious that the Head of such a force must have great responsibility. Riots have taken place in this Colony when the I.G.P. has had to take the great responsibility of a decision—and a very quick decision—under difficult and unusual circumstances to order the forces under him to fire. Whether he does so or not, or whatever the consequences, he will most likely have to face a Court of Inquiry. The results of such Courts of Inquiry have not, so far as my recollection goes, had any unpleasant repercussions here, but such has not always been the case in other countries. It is common knowledge that the results have sometimes been, in popular opinion, a grave injustice to the individual. The essence of all this is that the I.G.P. besides administering a very large force of men doing different duties may, and does, have to take the responsibility of a decision under, I repeat, unusual and difficult circumstances which may involve human life and I maintain that with that grave responsibility resting on him his post is entitled to as large a salary as any Government post other than the very highest. I would ask the Government, therefore, to reconsider their decision on this point.

## KOWLOON LIGHTING.

And now, gentlemen, I ask you to imagine that for a few moments the mantle of the Hon. Member for Kowloon has fallen upon me. That very useful body of citizens, the Kowloon

## OBSTRUCTIONS TO TRADE

MR. OWEN-HUGHES BLAMES CUSTOMS

## APPROVES TRADE SCHOOL

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said:—Your Excellency, my Honourable colleagues have very fully dealt with the Hon. Colonial Secretary's lucid and interesting presentation of the Budget. There is, therefore, very little left for me to add. I would like to emphasise some of the points made. We are indeed favoured as during the past year, otherwise drastic reductions in expenditure, or the unthinkable resort (in view of the state of the Colony's trade) to higher taxation of the Colony's trade, would have been inevitable. I am most grateful to the Hon. Member for Kowloon for his remarks on the Budget for 1935. Hon. Members who have criticised me have not criticised in detail the mass of items of expenditure which I intend to bring forward as I do that great doing so, being observed by those responsible. There are, however, under practically every "head" two items which I have combined as one, namely those of "Transport" and "Conveyance Allowances," which I invite attention. Separately, except in the case of the larger departments, the sums are comparatively small, but in the aggregate they amount up to the considerable total of \$145,800. The outstanding figures are those of the Public Works Department, \$51,000; Police, \$24,000; Medical, \$17,000; Sanitary, \$14,000; Harbour, \$8,000 and Import & Export, \$6,000. In several instances these items show a small reduction, indicating that I would suggest the possibility of its further use, especially during the present time of declining Revenue. We all know the old saw "A penny saved is a penny earned."

## COLONY'S FUTURE.

I, for one, have not lost faith in the ultimate recovery of the Colony's trade, but must confess that I see no signs of any immediate improvement and therefore fervently hope the Estimate of a Revenue of 29½ millions is not too optimistic. It is possible, even probable, that some portion of the Colony's trade has been altogether lost, such as the transshipping, storage and other ancillary business, but I am confident that there is a gradual increase in the number and diversity of factories being established here which, in due time, should be of greater value to the Colony as a whole, in that wages earned in these various industries will be greater than is usually paid for unskilled labour. Meantime, as the Hon. Colonial Secretary correctly states, our manufacturers must find it difficult to secure outlets for their products in face of high duties and prohibitive tariffs that are generally imposed by all countries. Looking over *Harvard* and the Report of last year's "Budget Day," I find the Hon. Member representing the Chamber of Commerce alluded then to the unnecessary trouble and expense which merchants were put to in satisfying the Customs authorities of Great Britain, and I regret to say that, in my experience, there appears to be no improvement. Exporters still

(Continued on next column)

Residents Association, have been pressing on the Government the necessity of better lighting in Kowloon—citing more particularly Nathan Road, one of the main thoroughfares. They brought this matter to the attention of the Government seven years ago but still the lighting of that important thoroughfare leaves a great deal to be desired. Now according to the Ministry of Transport in England "Bad lighting is worse than no lighting." That conclusion is reached in their final recommendations on fatal road accidents in England during the first six months of 1933. I take it, gentlemen, that you will accept that finding and will not wish me to take up your time labouring the point.

I understand that the Government are awaiting the result of various experiments in street lighting, but I am somewhat perturbed to find that the current year's vote of \$40,000 is to be increased by only \$2,000 for 1935 according to the Estimates. That is a very small increase indeed when we consider the great expansion of Kowloon.

## AMAZING PROGRESS.

I am tempted here to digress for a moment to expatiate on the expansion of Kowloon, but I will content myself with stating that I explore the hinterland in Kowloon about once a year and each time I am amazed at the progress made. I feel that full marks must be given to the Town Planning Committee which functioned some years ago and to the Government. In particular do I miss that zone which was occupied by market gardens. I find wide streets and fine houses where formerly the roads passed through low lying gardens from which the pungent smell of *Parfume de Chine* arose on the evening air. That is unforgettable.

To return to the question of street lighting, I trust that the Government will push on with the experiments referred to and then take prompt measures to remedy the present situation which to put it mildly, does not offer the greatest possible safety to pedestrians or motorists.

While the idea of lighting it affords me pleasure, to note that a small sum has been added in the Estimates for 1935 for the lighting of certain districts of the New Territories along motor roads. A commencement has been made in Tai Po Market. I trust the claims of Long Ping Shan, Fanling and Shatin will each in turn merit consideration. This is a public improvement that should be appreciated by villagers in the New Territories.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Board Room, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Friday, 28th September, 1934, at 5.45 p.m. for the purposes of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st August, 1934, and of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

E. M. HRYDEN,  
D. S. ROBI,  
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

It is alleged that sometime between 9 and 10 a.m. on the morning of September 22nd, 1934, a small Chinese boy of 9 years of age dressed in dirty white clothing, no shoes or socks, was assaulted outside the Alexandra Building by an Indian Police or watchman.

Any member of the public who actually witnessed the assault is requested to communicate by telephone or in person with the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, (Telephone No. 33 Extension No. 4) any time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. as early as possible.

being harassed by continually changing rules and regulations, thus hindering our yet small though steadily increasing local industries, which, again the Hon. Colonial Secretary states, provide a livelihood for many thousands of our citizens. Furthermore, there is the threat of the Quota system overhanging some of our industries.

## TRADE TALKS.

I feel very confident that, in Your Excellency, manufacturers and exporters have one who will strenuously champion their cause, and that your Government will do all that is possible to encourage and foster further enterprise. H.M. Trade Commissioner, Mr. E. C. Pelham, is another who, I am convinced, can be trusted to present the Colony's aspirations and plead for "fair play" both from our Home Government and the various Colonial Governments of the Empire. Mr. Pelham has rendered excellent service by his very interesting "talks" over the wireless on "England" and "British Industries" as well as on many other topics which must have been listened to with profit and pleasure by many of those who have not yet visited our homeland. Let us hope that, during his next visit home, he will devote a small portion of his time to a similar talk to the people of Great Britain on Hongkong.

## THE TRADE SCHOOL.

To me, one of the most gratifying items of the Government programme is that of the Trade School which I have always strongly advocated, and the Building Contractors' Association is to be congratulated and thanked for their generosity in constructing the building at cost price. Members of that Association will be well repaid in due time by having at their service properly trained Mechanics and Artisans, which will enable them to carry out their contracts with greater satisfaction to themselves and those who employ them. It is sincerely to be hoped that young Chinese (especially those of the local Dockyards, Electricity and Telephone Companies will eagerly take advantage of the teaching which this school will offer. The Colony's need for "Masters of Craft" is greater at the present time than for Masters of the Arts and Sciences. I am also glad to note that it is proposed to engage an expert Pattern Maker from England for the Junior Technical School. He will find in the young Chinese of the Colony excellent material to work on, being very adaptable to good training. The Managers of the local Dockyards, Electricity and Telephone Companies will, I am sure, confirm this.

## WANCHAI MARKET.

I, also, much regret the Government's decision not to proceed with the Wanchai Market. The present unsavoury building is long overdue for demolition and strongly support what has already been said by Honourable Members who have preceded me. The High Cost of Living Committee were right when they opined more Markets would tend to bring down cost of the Colony's food supply.

I think it will be pertinent to enquire whether Government exercises any supervision over charges made by Stall-holders in the various Markets, and if not, may it not be well to do so, when so many, and especially the poorer classes, have to spend so much on the necessities of life?

## BATHING FACILITIES.

I wish to support what my Honourable friend, Sir William Shenton, has said in connection with the Bathing facilities of the Colony and to express the hope that Pavilions now erected in the North Point district will be allowed to remain till the last possible date and until other places are found and made accessible.

Before leaving this matter of bathing beaches, may I urge the Sanitary Department to make a real endeavour in preventing them from being littered by the City's refuse; the condition of Repulse Bay at certain times of wind and tide is, to put it mildly, disgusting.

Whilst regretting the necessity for approving any additional vote for the Medical Department at the present

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time, I welcome the inclusion of the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell in what cost of an additional Lady Doctor to his just said regarding Commercial Aviation. Unless and until the I also approve the scheme that has been instituted for training Chinese Radiographic and Massage assistants. Here is surely a useful and interesting and profitable profession for young, well-educated Chinese of both sexes. Finally, I want also to support the



## UNOFFICIAL SPEECHES ON THE BUDGET

SIR W. SHENTON'S  
SPEECH

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all is said and done, a reduction in expenditure for the year 1935 of \$774,000, is a novel experience in this Colony in recent years.

"It would not be correct for us," said Sir William, "to state that we view the immediate future with optimism. The Colony for a considerable period escaped from the general world depression, owing to a number of circumstances, which I need not go into here. It is undeniable that we are now feeling the full blast of the depression, and until there is a real and solid improvement in the general world conditions, we cannot look for a substantial improvement in our present position."

"It is, however, the considered view of Unofficial Members, that although the immediate future is depressing, nevertheless, the great recuperative powers which this Colony has always evidenced in the past, will reassert themselves, and that in a long view of the future, we are unhesitatingly stating that Hongkong holds out even greater possibilities of prosperity than in the past."

## STABLE DOLLAR

"Looking over the past few years, we consider that the merchants and other business elements in the Colony have derived considerable benefits from the stability of the value of our dollar, and although there have been fluctuations from time to time, such variations have not been so violent as they might have been; in addition to which the premium on the Hongkong dollar, which was so detrimental to Hongkong, has been practically disappeared. For these favourable positions, we are indebted to the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation."

"The empty houses and flats, the declining land sales, the fall in the collection of stamp duties, and Government fees, the diminishing river and coastal steamer traffic, are matters of grave concern, but as so clearly pointed out by the Honourable Colonial Secretary in his speech, Hongkong's troubles are largely external, and until those external conditions improve, Hongkong cannot look for better times."

"After dealing with the increases in China's tariffs and expressing the hope that China and the rest of the world would realise the need of an interchange of commodities, freed from taxation and restrictions, other than such as are necessitated by a genuine revenue policy, Sir William said he and his colleagues noted with satisfaction that this Colony had so far been excluded from the Empire quota system, holding the view that if the system were applied to Hongkong, much in trade which would otherwise pass through the Colony would be diverted elsewhere."

Referring to the falling off in the sales of opium, Sir William said it was not that less opium was being smoked, but that smuggling is greatly on the increase. He added that if the Government want to stop opium, they must supply the consumer with what is wanted, and not a Singapore preparation which the consumer refuses to buy.

## BRIBES.

Dealing with the report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports for 1933, Sir William drew attention to the fact that the Chinese Police or Revenue Officers every week, individual payments from 30 cents up to \$2. He said: "The fact that such an item appears as an ordinary entry in a trader's books, is a matter for the greatest regret, and points to well-established and recognised corrupt practices. We, Unofficial Members, hear rumours of such practices existing, and we are of the opinion that this entry, appearing as it does in a Government Official Report, demands from Government the most careful investigation and relentless prosecution, if such a state of affairs exists."

Referring to Public Works Extraordinary, Sir William said for some years past it had been apparent that a very extensive policy of replacement had become inevitable; many of the public institutions for which Government was responsible had become hopelessly out of date. Unofficial members congratulated His Excellency on the determination with which he had faced these imperative needs, and hoped that progress with the works now in hand would be pressed on with unfailing vigour.

"In connection with non-recurrent works of this nature," he said, "we cannot stress too strongly on Government the desirability of creating temporary posts, without liability for pension or necessity to contribute to the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund."

## ASSEMBLY HALL NEEDED.

In speaking on the Government House and City Development Scheme, Sir William said: "An Assembly Hall and Theatre is badly needed, and as the sale of the old City Hall has made possible this ambitious scheme, something on the lines of the old City Hall is called for, as a means of compensation to the public for what it has lost. The new City Hall should not only accommodate theatrical performances, but should be of sufficient accommodation to be a venue for Government and public receptions."

Sir William said the Unofficial members approved of the principle of giving out such works as the Central British School to private firms of architects, and thought the practice might be further developed in suitable cases.

Dealing with playing grounds and bathing facilities, Sir William said: "More athletic grounds are very necessary, and we think that Government should investigate the possibilities of the south side of the Island,

particularly the area between Deep Water Bay and Aberdeen, not forgetting, in connection therewith, necessary and economic forms of transport."

## BATHING FACILITIES.

"A matter which will ere long have to come up for consideration is the bathing facilities at North Point. Daily in the summer months, many thousands avail themselves of this very healthy form of recreation. The question for the erection of the pavilions are, and always have been, temporary only, and within the next few years, alternative accommodation will have to be found, as the commercial development of that part of the Colony cannot be impeded.

"The construction of a motor road, from the Gap above Deep Water Bay, down to the area formerly occupied by the Brick Works, but now belonging to Government, thereby opening up the whole of Deep Water Bay for bathing purposes, and the area in question for recreation grounds, might possibly make some provision to meet the situation. Whether it is possible to continue the road and train, through Shaokwan, along the water level to Saiwan Bay, we do not know, but the matter might receive consideration."

## POLICE MATTERS.

In a reference to the Police Force, Sir William said: "We notice a change of emoluments on Page 47 of the Estimates. The post of Inspector-General of Police carries with it, apparently, a salary from \$1,500 to \$1,600 annually, whilst the Cadet Officer Class I, a salary from \$1,500 to \$1,600. Is it suggested that a life-trained police officer is less valuable than a Cadet Officer Class I for the purpose of filling the position of Inspector-General of Police?"

We see in the Estimates an item of \$250,000 for a new No. 1 Police launch, which obviously will be useful for anti-piracy purposes. We are of the opinion that our police should, as suggested, have two such launches in operation.

We note with regret three cases of piracy during the year 1933. In two cases the ships had already been searched in Hongkong. In the case of the s.s. Prominent we find that the No. 4 Police launch was aware that the ship was in the hands of pirates, and that she was within gunshot of the ship; in Mira Bay about midnight on shore, in Mira Bay about midnight with property of the officers and passengers. It would seem that some explanation is called for, and we hope, with the completion of the new No. 1 Police launch, such a state of circumstances will not recur again.

In a reference to the multi-racial question, Sir William said: "We Unofficial Members desire to protest in reference to the manner in which the bona fides of the settled policy of this Colony in dealing with multi-racials is from time to time being called in question by ill-informed people in England."

## ROAD TO CANTON

In the course of a reference to railway matters, Sir William said: "The Provincial Government of Kwangtung has for some years been pursuing an active road programme, and we are of opinion that steps should be taken to extend our road system to Shum Chun, so as to join up with the projected Shum-Chun-Canton Road (now in the course of construction), thereby in due course connecting the Colony with the Kwangtung road system, radiating from Canton, in addition to which we should make arrangements for the building of a road from the British border, for a distance of about 27 miles, in order to link up with the road running from Chen Mok Tan, Paochow via Wei-chow, Swatow and Amoy, many of which are already being used for traffic."

Speaking on the question of the Military Contribution, Sir William said: "It is interesting to note that the annual expenditure on Defence, which the Colony must contribute, compared with our total expenditure, is 0.007, whilst in the Federated Malay States it is 2.8%, Straits Settlements 13.3%, Ceylon 2.5%, Kenya 4.4%, and Nigeria 7.2% (See An Economic Survey of the British Empire 1932 issued by the Colonial Office). Our contribution is out of all proportion, and should be reduced."

## SHUM CHUN GAMBLING.

Later in his speech, Sir William said: "We Unofficial Members desire to draw Government's attention to the most undesirable condition that exists in Chinese territory, at Shum Chun, just above the British-Chinese border. Here gambling on an extensive scale, with all that it carries in its train, is indulged in, the tables are operated openly, and with the apparent recognition of the Government at Canton. It has very appearance of having been purposely brought there with the object of attracting the unwary from our Colony. With gambling banned in Canton, by official order, and having regard to the oft-protested morality campaign of that Great City, we find it difficult to believe that the whole organisation would not be closed down if the attention of the Canton Government were drawn to the state of circumstances that exist there."

After a reference to the King's Jubilee next year and the Colony's Centenary eight years hence, Sir William stated: "In conclusion, we desire to state that we, and the Colony, are most appreciative of the careful and devoted attention Your Excellency has, and is giving, to the affairs of our Colony. Under your able guidance, and control, all classes of the community are receiving just and equitable treatment, and the necessities of the Colony are receiving every attention. It is our united wish that both your and Lady Peel's health will be well preserved, and that during the remaining period of your governorship, as well as during your retirement, the lives of both of you may be both long and happy."

MR. MACKIE'S  
ADDRESS

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ted that the Wharf Co. built the wharf with the knowledge that the Government would give no guarantee that the approaches thereto would be dredged to a depth of 34 feet, but at the same time they acted on the advice of their technical advisers, in order to develop their property to the best advantage and to best meet the requirements of the port. Under the circumstances they feel that as a public utility, bona fide they have a grievance in being called upon to meet what they consider a public charge.

As shipping still continues to suffer from the effects of bad trade, the Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Government for a measure of relief in the matter of Sunday Permit fees. It is difficult to understand why shipping should be penalised for working on Sunday whilst any other business or trade can be carried on without restriction. The Chamber's request will be sympathetically considered by Government.

## TARIFF BARRIERS.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary referred to the difficulties that our manufacturers experience in their efforts to secure outlets for their products owing to the high protective tariffs which are being introduced by most countries in the world. Provided we get the co-operation and support of our Home Government and the British Empire as a whole, those markets alone should afford local industries enough work to enable them to carry on until world trade begins to revive when I hope we shall be able to secure a share of other business in competition with manufacturers elsewhere. Unfortunately, with continued rumours of quotas by the United Kingdom against Hongkong manufactured goods, a feeling of uncertainty has been introduced which is seriously hampering the trade of the port and straining certain industries.

I would like to express on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, our thanks for the support of the local Government in our effort to obtain preferential treatment for our local industries in the Empire markets.

The natural market for the products of our local industries is undoubtedly Southern China and if the Canton Government could be persuaded to come to a neighbourly arrangement with the Colony whereby local products could be introduced on mutually satisfactory terms, into South China, it would be a matter of considerable benefit to both parties.

## AIR SERVICES.

I am quite in agreement with the decision of the Government to discontinue the subsidy to the Flying Club and to devote the whole of the annual subsidy of \$30,000 to the training of Volunteers in flying, the maintenance of the Flying Club, as at present constituted is of little or no practical value to the Colony.

Whilst on the subject of aviation, perhaps some reference might be made to the offer of the youth of Hongkong and South China for instruction in flying. The training school has, I understand, three up-to-date planes for instructional purposes, but for what I hear and from very seldom observation there is very seldom more than one machine in commission at a time. On occasion I am told no machine has been available, but I speak subject to correction. It appears to me such a service is quite inadequate and the youth of Hongkong and South China for instruction in flying. I know that many difficulties are involved in keeping machines in the air but here is a field of vast potential value being snuffed for the want of a halfpenny of repair.

Great Britain is to participate and take fair share in the development of commercial aviation in the Far East it is essential that Hongkong be linked up with the great air routes of the world. For this reason I am sorry to note that the Government has not considered it necessary to make any provision in this year's estimates in respect of the subsidy to an air bus. With Hongkong established as a great commercial air base the prosperity of the port would be greatly enhanced and I hope that no effort will be spared to bring this about.

## TOURIST TRADE.

Another very important matter which I have in mind is the tourist trade of Hongkong and I would invite the earnest attention of the Government to this. Nearly every country in the world with any attractions at all actively engaged in drawing the attention of the holiday-makers and others to its excellence as a pleasure resort.

Now, there is no better natural winter resort than Hongkong. From November to February it is an extremely pleasant place, and we might almost extend that season and make it October to March. Hongkong's natural attractions are considerable and could well afford to be advertised by the ordinary interest. I have seen nothing really displaying the attractions of Hongkong in arresting terms. This alone might be considered a greater tour or holiday activity with the creation of greater artificial amusements.

In this respect I have heard the accusation that Hongkong has "grand-

MR. KOTEWALL'S  
CRITICISMS

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In times like these, one naturally expects to see the cost of administration kept down, if not cut down. Here, it is actually increased. Instead of continuing to spend large and increasing sums on personnel, the Government should, I respectfully submit, make some reduction in taxation to lessen the weight of depression that presses on the Colony. New expenditure can be justified only when it can be shown to be a positive contribution towards recovery, or to be a positive check on the factors making for depression. In such a case one may at least hope that it will finally more than pay for itself.

Of this nature would, for example, be money spent for the purpose of aiding agricultural industries in the New Territories. In my view, the lines along which such aid could best be given are, first, that experts should be appointed to advise the Government and agriculturists on stock-breeding and the prevention of disease; secondly, that encouragement of a more direct financial kind should be offered by the provision of land at favourable terms for agriculture and stock-rearing; and, thirdly, that every facility should be given for marketing the agricultural products.

## HONGKONG AND CANTON.

While on the subject of industries, I wish to endorse the view expressed by the Hon. Mr. Gordon Mackie in regard to the manufacturing industries of the Colony, which are of the greatest importance for its future. The Government has already done much to support the efforts of our manufacturers to establish themselves in Empire markets, and will no doubt do all in its power to assist them in maintaining and extending these outlets for their products.

The Hon. Mr. Mackie has expressed the hope that the Canton Government might be persuaded to come to a friendly arrangement with us whereby local products could be introduced on mutually satisfactory terms into the Kwangtung Province, for the benefit of both places. I echo this hope. The interests of Kwangtung and Hongkong are the same. As neither can prosper at the expense of the other, so also is the advantage of one the advantage of the other. The present tariff position as between Hongkong and China is one which clearly injures both parties, and it is bound, sooner or later, to be realised that South China stands to gain, not by a contraction but by an expansion of trade. I am confident that Your Excellency will neglect no opportunity to bring about an arrangement beneficial to both parties.

## WINTER RESORT.

With another view of Mr. Mackie's, I again find myself in agreement. In fact, we both decided to speak on the subject—though from slightly different standpoints. Without knowing such was the intention, I refer to the "tourist trade" of Hongkong. Considerable benefit to the Colony's economic prospects would, I feel sure, accrue were its attractions as a winter resort better known, and its popularity better advertised. It is not a personal prediction, but a personal belief, that Hongkong has a place of great natural beauty with an excellent winter climate. How often have visitors expressed surprise and delight when they discovered new beauties to them unexpected in winter paradise? An officer of His Majesty's Navy, who has recently arrived in Hongkong, tells me that in his opinion the beauty of Hongkong's natural scenery is unsurpassed anywhere, and that it is a pity that this is so little known. Measures calculated to add to the Colony's attractiveness as a place of resort, should, therefore, have the sympathetic ear of the Government.

Meantime, the amenities already available to the people of Hongkong, especially in summer, will, I trust, not be diminished, but rather particularly to the bathing pavilions at North Point. I put forward a strong plea for their retention as long as possible. These pavilions are a great boon to the public which uses them, and they save every day an amount of time and money which would be spent in that direction, and the retention of the pavilions should therefore present no great difficulty to the Government, and no disadvantage to the Colony, for the time being. In the meantime new sites should be sought, with

motherly regulations," which damp the exuberance of spirit concomitant with holiday-making. Unless a rather heavy fee is paid, no swimming and no innocent amusement can keep the doors after midnight, and this alone may be held to cramp private enterprise in providing additional innocuous amusements for the delectation of visitors.

## "A GOOD TIME."

With a campaign of literature describing the attractions of Hongkong and an abolition of irksome restrictions on any outlet for popular and innocent amusement I feel that private enterprise would be quite ready to do its bit in increasing the popularity of Hongkong as a winter resort. There are many people who would only go if they realised that it was a thing to do, and that they would have what is commonly called by holiday makers, "a good time." The expansion of winter tourism, which is a very real thing, must be borne in mind.

It has been said that any relaxation of our present regulations would be a moral disadvantage, but this seems doubtful when one examines conditions in other resorts. For a fair large police force, but I see no reason to anticipate that its activities would be greatly increased, certainly not commensurate with the benefits which the Colony might well obtain

accessibility and ease of transport kept in mind.

## GOVERNMENT POLICY.

Now, I come to the policy of the Government in regard to the present economic situation, as I have deduced it from the Budget. There is no doubt that the Budget is a sincere and praiseworthy endeavour to adjust the needs of administration to prevailing conditions. The Government has been criticised from various, and sometimes even opposing, standpoints. One such criticism is that the Government has shown over-caution in not embarking upon new public works. I, too, think that the Government has erred on the side of caution—though for another reason.

Your Excellency's decision not to impose fresh taxation but to meet a rather considerable deficit out of the surplus balances is indicative of your solicitude not to take any action which might aggravate our present difficulties. But I trust I may be pardoned for expressing the doubt whether the mere avoidance of new taxation fees far enough in these admittedly bad times. My humble view is that what is required is some constructive and courageous action designed to restore confidence and, with it, at least some of our former prosperity.

## FINANCIAL ORTHODOXY.

It seems to me that this is not a time for excessive adherence to extreme financial orthodoxy, and that the Government should hold out to the people a new hope by making possible a more confident atmosphere in trade in industry and in commercial enterprise, by boldly reducing taxation. Merely to refrain from increasing taxation is uninspiring and, in effect, negative. It is like revealing to the patient the seriousness of his disorder, but holding out to him no hope of positive aid in his recovery.

The depressed condition of the Colony's trade and industry is our chief and urgent concern. The Trade Commission is engaged in what we hope will be a fruitful inquiry into causes and remedies. Its existence, however, does not absolve us from the duty of taking some immediate action, where such action can be shown to be helpful or inspiring. When public lives need possible, when measures suggest themselves which, though they may not constitute a permanent cure, would allay the violence of the malady, then, I say, these measures deserve the immediate and sympathetic consideration of the Government. During the year I have submitted for the consideration of the Government several suggestions designed to help in the attainment of this object. In a memorandum dated the 7th March, 1934, I pleaded strongly for a substantial reduction in the charges for excess water consumption. The action of the Government in granting a rebate of 15 per cent—though it is by no means an adequate allowance—is in some measure, a contribution towards the restoration of public confidence, and as such is to be welcomed.

## THREE PROPOSALS.

In another memorandum dated the 12th May, 1934, as a result of a more comprehensive inquiry conducted by some leading Chinese merchants into the possibilities of ameliorative measures, I submitted three further proposals. These proposals were:—

(1) That the Government should, as far as possible, grant extension of time for the fulfilment of building covenants;

(2) That, in the case of Chinese tenement houses, assessment should be made for each floor instead of for the whole house; and

(3) That, as a temporary measure, the Assessment Tax otherwise known as Rates, be reduced from 17 to 13 per cent.

In respect of the first of these three proposals—extension of Building Covenants—it is a matter for gratification that the Government has adopted the generous attitude of granting free extensions, with subsequent extensions at reduced rates, in cases of genuine hardship.

## QUICK ACTION NEEDED.

It is my understanding that the other two proposals have been referred to the Trade Commission for examination. I have the greatest confidence in the Commission, whose personnel is such as to encourage hopes that its labours will be productive. But while the measures advocated by me were intended, as I specifically stated in the memorandum, to be put in operation as palliatives, to be put in operation at once, the task of the Commission is not one so far-reaching and must therefore take time to complete. My concern was to enquire into what could be done to alleviate the situation in the meanwhile, and not to explore the whole question of our trade depression.

The proposals which were put forward in the memorandum made no claim to be ultimate solutions; their value lies rather in the claim, which may properly be made for them, that they would tend to check the downward movement of business generally, so that the conditions which have been daily becoming worse may not finally deteriorate to a stage at which recovery, even when the opportunity arises, will be most seriously retarded. In short, the measures which I have suggested are measures which, if they are to have any efficacy at all, should be adopted at the earliest possible moment.

## ASSESSMENT CHANGE.

Now, in regard to my second proposal—change in the method of assessment—the system which is at present applied to Chinese-style tenement-houses is illogical. This matter was dealt with by my honourable friend Mr. G. N. Chau and by myself at the meeting of this Council held on the 12th October, 1933 (Hongkong Hansard 1933, pages 110 & 126). It seems doubtful whether there some of the reasons adduced by the Hon. Mr. G. N. Chau in favour of the change. The present system is economically unsound, for it has the tendency of compelling landlords to

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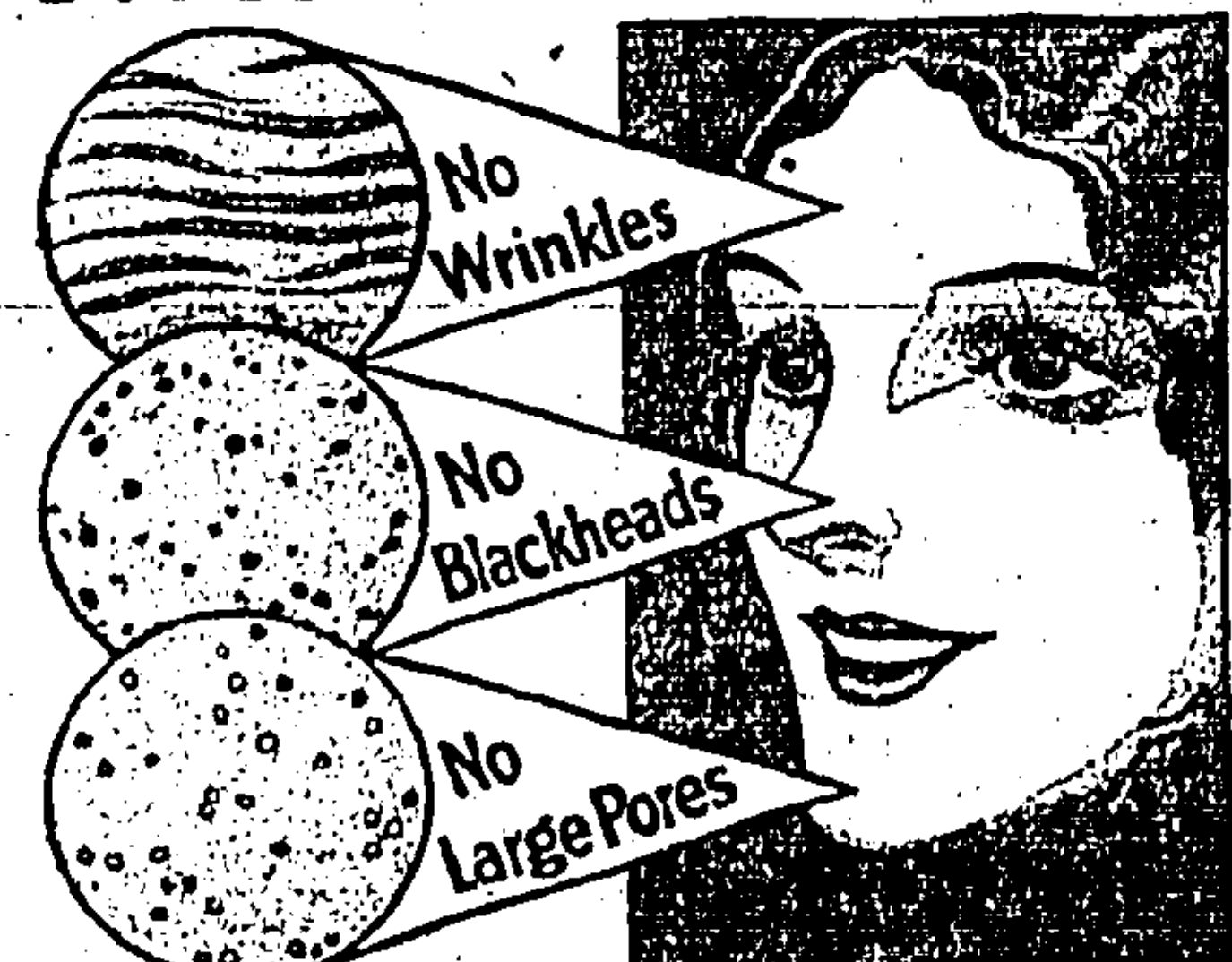
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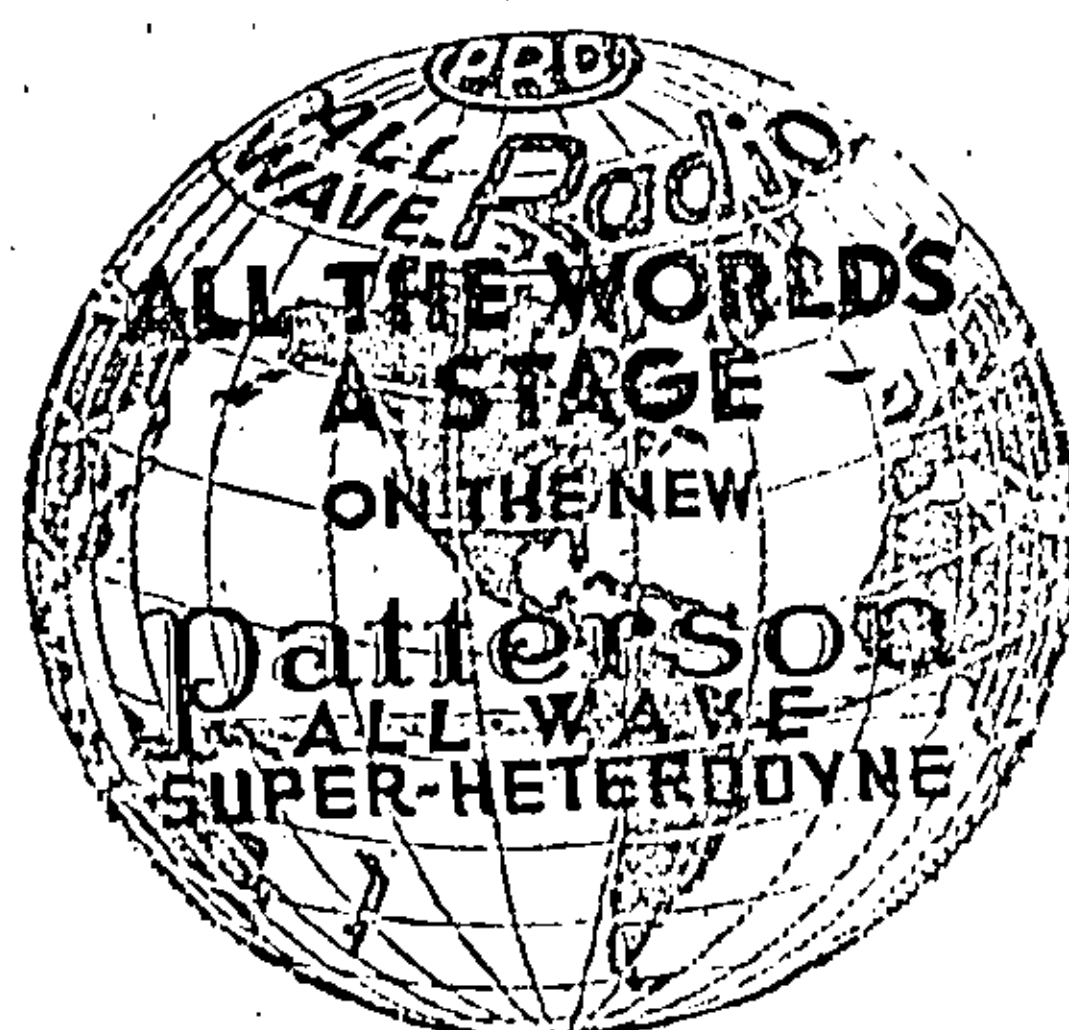
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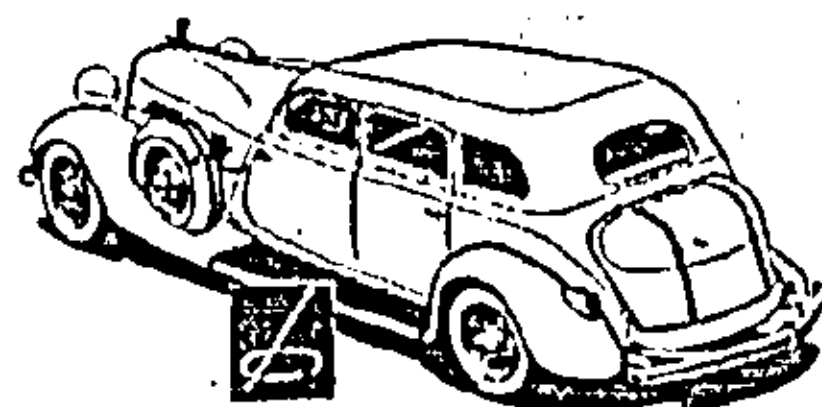
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## PEACE IN THE EAST?

Whilst it may be premature to suggest that the latest developments in the Far East, affecting Japan and Russia on the one hand and Japan and China on the other, have completely dissipated fears of trouble in the near future, it can at least be said that there are prospects of the general Far Eastern situation undergoing a change for the better. Reports are to the effect that Japan and the Soviet have at last reached an agreement in regard to the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway, but whilst these are not confirmed, there would appear to be grounds for thinking that an early adjustment of this troublesome issue may be expected. It is hinted that when this matter is finally disposed of, the Soviet may recognise Manchukuo, a development which would not be welcomed in League circles at the present juncture. Such a move would be somewhat surprising in view of the tension which has so long persisted between Russia and Japan, but there may well be reasons, so far not disclosed, why the Soviet should be disposed to reach a rapprochement with the Japanese. M. Litvinoff's recent statement that Russia would not consider herself bound by any League decisions reached before her entry, might well have been made with the possibility of the recognition of Manchukuo in view. None the less, such a step would certainly place the League, which has expressed itself as being opposed to recognition, in a somewhat awkward position. On the general issue of the relations between Japan and Russia, it is quite conceivable that a good deal has been going on behind the scenes, of which the outside world has little knowledge. This possibility, taken in conjunction with the reports of a C.E.R. settlement, possibly explains the belief in some quarters that an early Russo-Japanese entente may be expected. The suggestion is that Japan's diplomats have got the better of the military element. If this is so, and if it indicates the likelihood of the Army exercising less pressure on Japan's foreign policies, so much the better. There is also a feeling abroad that Japan is anxious to get on better terms with China, and that a move-

## NOTES OF THE DAY

## THE CUP RACE

It will be many a day before Mr. T.O.M. Sopwith's splendid challenge for the America's Cup will be forgotten, but there are episodes of the series which are as well not remembered. At this distance it would be neither fair nor possible to pass final judgment as to the rights and wrongs of the Race Committee's attitude towards the Endeavour's protest on Saturday, but taking into consideration the facts that the American observer aboard the Endeavour admittedly expressed it as his opinion that the protest flag need not have been hoisted until late in the race and that it was because of that delayed signal that the protest was not heard, it would seem that the Committee acted unwisely, if not unjustly. To quibble over a technicality in a sporting event such as this one, seems ungenerous, particularly when the disadvantages weigh so much against a challenger. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., cousin of the yachtsman who guided the Rainbow, says the Committee's decision to disallow Mr. Sopwith's protest, without a hearing, was manifestly unfair. Probably there are not more than a few who do not agree with him.

## DISTINCT HANDICAP

Experts declare that the Endeavour, on her own merits, is a faster yacht than the American defender. They seem to have no doubt on that score. If that is so, it is gratifying knowledge for the builders. For to construct a yacht capable of crossing the Atlantic Ocean and of competing, with some success, at least, against the fastest company of craft built entirely for racing, is an achievement. This handicap, however, British builders appear to have overcome. It remained for the original professional crew of the Endeavour to spoil what chances the challenger possessed. Almost without exception, experts declare that it was the comparatively clumsy handling of the British yacht by the untrained crew which was responsible for her defeat. However, her sailors tried heroically, and were not beaten, necessarily, by a faster yacht, but by more finished craft.

## WHAT OF THE PROTEST?

As for the second protest, Mr. Sopwith seems to have abandoned it simply because he lost heart. He was disgusted, no doubt, by the first ruling of the Committee and possibly felt that he had little to expect from an appeal. There are many who think this second protest might well have succeeded. But when the last race was over, Mr. Sopwith had already admitted defeat. Apart from the satisfaction which a re-sail would have aroused, particularly if the weather had been brisk enough to give the challenger a chance, a final test between the rivals for the Cup was most desirable, for at this point we cannot help but feel that the issue has not really been decided. Quite possibly the defenders feel that too. It is to be hoped that Mr. Sopwith will change his mind and race Endeavour for the Cup again.

## GOOD WORK, HUGHIE!

When President Roosevelt decided to accept General Johnson's resignation as chief of the N.R.A., he did so with a gracefulness which cannot but have pleased the old soldier. His reply to General Johnson's letter of resignation was couched in the friendliest of terms and praised his lieutenant's work wholeheartedly. He closed his note to "Dear Hughie" with a promise that if he were needed again he would be called upon, because he recognised that the N.R.A. chief's task had been a heavy one and that it was usually masterfully handled. The General's departure, therefore, has no stigma attached to it. He goes with no little glory. But because he was a little hard on Labour, the Administration will probably breathe more easily with the approach of a federal election.

ment is afoot for a settlement of all outstanding differences. Here, again, it is well to be on the guard against undue optimism, but that there are influential elements in both countries seeking a greater measure of concord, is beyond question. It may, as we suggest, be rather early in the day to feel that Far Eastern peace is now definitely assured; current reports are rather too vague to warrant complete acceptance. Yet, when all is said and done, there is no good reason why hostilities should break out in the East. Such differences as exist should be easily adjustable by pacific methods. Once aggressive designs are definitely forewarned, the future should wear a rosier outlook. It is for those in whose hands the direction of national policies rests to see that the way of peace is made easy.

TURKISH WOMEN FIND  
THEIR FREEDOM

By J. H. WALTON

GHIAZI Mustapha Kemal has introduced into Turkish social life many great reforms, but the most audacious, the happiest and that acclaimed with the greatest joy is the emancipation of the Turkish woman. This leader of new Turkey, as if with a magic wand, threw open the gates of bondage and freed the trembling creature who was pined the whole world over.

From lowly cabin and gilded cage the timid slaves of a centuries-old regime peeped forth and slowly stepped out into an undreamed-of freedom, still wondering a little whether it was some great power's temporary whim, and half afraid to hear their menfolk call them back.

But they were told that the Ghazi had decreed that henceforth the women of Turkey should have equal rights with the men, so the chrysalis, the recluse of the harem, cast off its shell and soon found that it had wings. Thus concluded the last stage of the great change in the social situation of the Turkish woman, which had its origin as far back as 1908, at the time of the Young Turk movement.

The Turkey of Kemal numbers 16,000,000 inhabitants, and 9,000,000 of these are women. There are 8,000,000 peasant women and only 1,000,000 who are town-born. Looking back over the past one can easily visualise the Mussulman peasant woman, illiterate and uncultured, her knowledge of life limited to her farm. She sees the majority of her children taken from her at an early age for she knows next to nothing of how to bring them up.

The Turkish peasant woman of the past era never ceased to work to strive, to sacrifice; rest and happiness were not her portion. And so, in the prime of youth, she lost that fresh beauty which is her heritage. While her western sisters of like age retained their youth and vigour, she became old and tired, and dissatisfied at the exigencies of her home life.

As for the million women of the towns, only half were of the bourgeoisie. The peasant women were the producers while the town-born women comprised part of the consumers. Of the former many were employed on farms bordering on the towns, and as servants in the houses of the well-to-do. A little higher up the scale came the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of perhaps the policemen, postmen, barbers, or cab drivers. Their dress was of that picturesque, multicoloured type which tourists loved to see—baggy trousers, gold embroidered blouses and the striking veil and head-dress.

Then came the womenfolk of the high government officials, rich merchants and landowners—the bourgeoisie; and, finally, the real aristocracy. Knowing at least one foreign language—many of them had had foreign governesses and had been to college or university—they were able to supplement and develop their education by reading Turkish and foreign newspapers, books and reviews, and become further distinct from their peasant sisters by following Paris fashions. The ruling passion was the love of money. This brought luxury and comparative power, and the satisfaction of all caprices

and, eventually, a good marriage—all they seemingly had to live for.

Now take the woman of Kemal's times. Islamism, being at one with the state, had, during 13 centuries, prevented any development of Mussulman countries on western lines. This the Ghazi determined to correct so he abolished the Khaliphate and introduced a laic regime into Turkey. The first and most important result of this reform was the complete emancipation of the Turkish woman.

To-day, the new Civil Code renders the woman free, independent of, and equal to, the man. The Turkish woman is now treated even better than many of her European and American sisters. The "recluse of the harem," condemned to languish and fade behind closely trellised windows, exists no longer. The disenchanted of yore, the dark, veiled phantoms, whose eyes alone shone through their *ichartchafs* (a piece of silk wound round the head) have completely disappeared.

If, once in a while, one sees a semi-veiled figure in the streets of old Stamboul or in the tortuous ways of the citadel of Angora, one can be certain these women belong to a past epoch. In these days the Oriental aspect is utterly effaced, and the Turkish woman, completely liberated from the dictates of the Koran, lives, marries, dresses, works and amuses herself just like her sisters of the West. The life of the harem, as described by numerous French novelists, disappeared in Constantinople and Smyrna during the Great War, for the high cost of living made the upkeep of the enormous private palaces impossible. But in the interior of Anatolia it was the custom of the peasants, up to the time of Mustapha Kemal's reform, to have three or four wives, who were made to work in the fields.

Polygamy was definitely abolished in 1926 when the Grand National Assembly adopted the Swiss Civil Code which imposed on all Turks the modern matrimonial statute. And so, with the new reforms and westernisation applied by the Republican regime, a great transformation was produced in the general mentality of the Turkish people.

The new liberty accorded to Turkish women, together with the transformation of their habits and customs, material and economic, made it necessary for many of the *hanoums* (women) to take steps to become wage earners and insure their complete independence. Under the reigns of the Sultan-Caliphs it was absolutely impossible for a Turkish woman of any degree to follow any employment other than that entailed in looking after her own house. The actresses of the national theatre were either Greek or Armenian, for no Osmanli woman was allowed to appear on the public stage. Furthermore, the Law of the Koran, habit and ancient prejudices had prevented the mixing, in company, of women and men. Places were not allowed to meet their future husbands before marriage; wives had to walk behind their lords and masters in the streets; sons of the house could not be present at tea parties given by their sisters to girl friends; and it was considered humiliating

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"Then that makes it fifty-fifty. I'm just as sick and tired of you two."

## The Very Idea!

ABOUT BUGS, BREEDS,  
AND US

By George

"YOU," said the Professor, "admit that you have spent over a year in China and are still ignorant of the local *Cercopoidea*?"

We sighed a little ruefully and allowed our forehead to sink comfortably on to the paper spikie file.

"Yep, Pro. We've never met him."

"Impossible," muttered the Professor wiping his brow with a magnificent specimen of the *Callitettix braconoides*. A quick glance showed us that the tegmina was tentaculous with the apex broadly mucous.

Another glance showed us that the time was seven o'clock.

A cockroach emerged from its corner pursued by a *Polytelidne alia* *Botryllidne* and a battle royal ensued in front of our desk. In his excitement the Professor wiped his steaming glasses with his left shoe, hooked his leg over his ear and scribbled a hasty note with his glasses on the dorsal fin of a *Heptopus chentseyi* which he drew from his wallet.

Meanwhile we extracted the Professor's watch from his vestibule and counted the cockroach out. He had lost by three seconds and an elongated pharynx.

By this time the Professor had unhooked his foot from the left lobe and was adjusting his glasses to have a look-see. We described how the cockroach had taken a vicious right to the epithelium and had also been the connecting link between his blattula and a savage kick from *Polly alia* *Botryllidne*.

The Professor was in tears. "All my life I have looked for such a sight and when the time came I was found wanting," he crooned rocking himself gently backwards and forwards on a clovia puncta which had incautiously inserted itself under his seat.

Our offer to put a couple of he buck male cockroaches together drew no enthusiasm from the Professor. "Longis tiddlemus non blunderbus," he murmured tying a reef knot in the antennae of the already anguished cockroach.

"Oknybus," we retorted. As the Professor passed sadly through the door he paused a moment to pluck a *Machaerota punctatonevosa* from the ceiling's head. We noticed that the *cedegus* was vertical with complex processes at the apex, and anyway the animal was dead.

"Justas youverus. Sorvu rightus," said Ah Luk obsequiously. The Professor replaced the corpse and crept silently away.

## DUMB-BELLES LETTRES.

By Juliet Lowell.

Lucky The Loss Was So Small.  
Packard Motor Car Company  
Gentlemen:

I read your add and asked the man who owns one. He took me driving in his Packard car but I had to walk home. Please pay for my shoes.

Eleanor Hop.



I had to walk home.

## Talks Like A Married Man.

Voice of Experience Programme.

Z B W

Hongkong

Dear Voice of Experience:

Where men are allowed more than one wife, isn't that called polygamy? And where men are only allowed one wife, isn't that called monogamy?

Clinton H. (signed)

## Picture That!

Mr. Swift and Co.

Chicago, Ill.

I write to ask you if you won't send me as a present 6 or 7 of your best ham and 200 lbs. of your sugar cured breakfast bacon, a 12 gal. can of lard and some good bolton sausage if you keep any. I will send you the picture that made me hungry. Address to

Stanton W.



## UNOFFICIAL SPEECHES ON BUDGET

## MR. KOTEWALL'S CRITICISMS

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close the whole house when there are two or more floors vacant, in order to enable them to obtain a refund of Rates.

This may have the effect of spreading the population, but in these days of extreme economic depression, the sight of entirely empty houses dotting all over the town, does not conduce to a restoration of confidence so essential to recovery. Further, the revenue may not suffer substantially by the change, since many of the houses now empty are at least partially occupied, and Rates will be payable in respect of such partial occupation.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Breen, in objecting to the proposals at the time, said that as floors separately occupied, the work of the collection branch of the Treasury, and more than twice the work of the Assessor's Office, as the extra supervision would be increased disproportionately (Hansard 1934, page 130). Mr. Breen went on to say that to assess each floor separately, and consequently to refund as vacancies occur, would merely encourage landlords to remove the occupants of a partially occupied floor and crowd the remaining ones.

## AN INCONSISTENCY.

I do not think that to change the system would necessitate the heavy augmentation to staff feared by the Treasury; but even if it would, I submit that it should not stand in the way of the change. It is important to bear in mind that the system I advocate has already been applied in the case of what are called "European-style houses." Why should there be this inconsistency as between European-style and Chinese-style houses? If it be no more than justice in the case of the former that each floor should be assessed separately, it follows that the denial of this concession to the latter must mean injustice, and cannot be defended on any valid principle.

Moreover, the present method of assessment of Chinese-style houses must, in its results, be an added factor in the present depression. The effects it may produce can be simply illustrated. Take a three-storey Chinese house. Each floor may be let for a monthly rent of \$50. The owner may very commonly occupy one floor himself, and be dependent for his livelihood on the rents received from the remaining two floors, subject, of course, to payment out of such rents for Crown rent, Rates, insurance and repairs. If one of the floors is vacant, he receives in rent only \$50 a month, but has to pay 17 per cent on the combined rental of the whole tenement, namely \$150. Add to this charge the other disbursements mentioned, and it is clear that his income may be reduced to a starvation point. I know of a case in which two floors became vacant, and the third was occupied by the owner himself. If a mortgagee also exists as it does in many cases in these hard times, the position is still worse, and the owner may be forced by the mortgagee to sell out at a ruinous price.

To give another illustration. A common type of such three-storey tenement-houses is one in which the ground floor is used as a shop. In this case the rents, when all parts are occupied, may be \$100 for the ground floor, and \$40 for each of the two upper floors. If, through slackness of trade, a condition too common to-day, the ground floor is unoccupied, the whole-tenement system of assessment is a proportionately heavier burden upon the owner, and correspondingly more disastrous in its results upon his livelihood.

## ASSESSMENT BY FLOORS.

I believe, therefore, that the assessment of Chinese tenement-houses by floors, is a method which would ameliorate the situation by lifting part of the burden now resting upon a large section of the people, and by restoring in some degree the purchasing power on which business activity so largely depends. The concession, in my view, would not increase the risk of overcrowding. There would be no inducement to wards overcrowding of floors any more than there is with the present system towards overcrowding of houses. At any rate, the matter can easily be regulated by law. It is computed that the suggestion, if adopted, would involve a loss in revenue of about \$600,000. This figure has been arrived at in this way: The vacant floors of Chinese tenement houses are estimated to represent roughly 10 per cent. of all the rate-paying buildings in the Colony. According to the report of the Assessor for 1933-34, the total valuation of the Colony is \$38,941,273. Calculated on the above basis of 10 per cent., the decrease in the total valuation is \$3,894,127, and the consequential loss to revenue, being 17 per cent. on the latter figure, is about \$660,000. I shall later on offer suggestions for meeting this additional deficit.

## REDUCTION PLAN.

In regard to my third and most important recommendation—a reduction in Assessed Taxes by 4 per cent.—I may remind Your Excellency that when this percentage was added in 1930, strong protests were raised by the Chinese community. At a meeting of this Council held on the 20th October, 1930, when the Budget for the ensuing year was under consideration, I stated that the proposed increase had caused great concern among the Chinese, and that representations had been made to the Chinese members of the Legislative Council by public bodies as well as by individuals, urging that the rate should remain at 13 per cent. I also said that the opinion had been expressed that in view of the bad times,

when cost of living was very high and the volume of trade abnormally low, any increase in the Rates would have an immediate reaction on the prosperity of the Colony (Hansard 1930, page 203). Whether or not the subsequent further fall in trade has been in part accentuated by the increase in the tax, it is, of course, impossible to prove either way. It is at least probable that this heavier tax-burden has added to the effects of the present depression.

But whatever the cause or causes, the economic conditions of the Colony have become decidedly worse since the increase in the Assessed Taxes was made in 1930.

## RATE TOO HIGH.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary has spoken of the difficulty, which the Treasury has experienced during the present slump, in the collection of rates. He further pointed out the increased administrative work entailed, leading to increased staff and, therefore, greater cost of administration. I must not be accused of giving countenance to delay in payment of taxes, if I say that this difficulty arose not because property-owners do not like to pay promptly as in better times, but because they are not in a position to do so. Increased difficulty in the collection of rates is evidence that the tax is being levied at a rate which is unduly high, and should therefore be lowered.

I have heard it said, time and again, that Hongkong is lightly taxed in comparison with other places. I do not agree with this view. In the special conditions of Hongkong, with a large migratory population, a comparison of tax-burdens per head is no guide to policy. A maintenance of tax-burdens beyond the amount expedient in view of our peculiar conditions, would mean in Hongkong's case, a loss of population and an ultimate loss of revenue.

It seems to me that the time has now come, it is not already overdue, when a strong stimulus to a revival of confidence and prosperity is needed, and that such a stimulus could best be provided by the reduction I now propose.

## WRONG CONCEPTION.

It may be considered by some that a lowering of the Assessment Tax would benefit only an interested section of the public. I dissent from this view which, no doubt, is based on a wrong conception of what the Assessment Tax means in the public finance of the Colony. This tax is the chief mode of direct taxation for Hongkong, and must be recognised as such. It provides the main contribution to administrative costs from the income of the community. Its incidence is not to be considered as determined by the visible process of its collection. Like the Income Tax in Great Britain, it is the principal medium whereby taxation is adjusted to governmental needs. When considerable increase of revenue is required, the normal method is to raise it when a remission of the burden of taxation is called for in the interests of the community, the lowering of this tax is the natural medium of relief.

There may exist in some quarters a doubt that a reduction of the Assessment Tax by 4 per cent. would have material influence on our economic situation, in view of the disparity between this comparatively small percentage and the very large percentage of fall which has taken place in property values. But a mathematical comparison of percentages is here no true criterion. Psychological factors, induced by uncertainty and the absence of ameliorative action will drive values down far below the level justified by the true economic situation. People simply will not pay a price for a property which they consider attractive at a price—not because they are not willing to pay it, but because the property offered is not so uncertain about the future. A moderate stimulus, removing or allaying this feeling of uncertainty, will do much more to restore value than a mathematical computation would lead us to anticipate. No one would argue that the effect of lowering the British Income Tax by sixpence could be reckoned as stimulating trade and industry just to the extent of 2½ per cent. The effect of a similar action through psychological forces, has been far greater, as we all know.

## REAL ESTATE GAME.

But even the financial effect of a 4 per cent. reduction on the economic life of the community would be very considerable. Taking the total rateable value at \$38,941,000, the reduction would mean that the property owners' burden is lightened by about \$1,556,000. This figure represents a 4 per cent. yield on a total of \$25,000,000. In other words, there would be a capital appreciation of real estate values in the Colony to the extent of \$25,000,000.

On the same computation, the estimated decrease of \$660,000 in Rates from the change in the method of assessment would mean an appreciation in real estate values of over \$10,000,000.

Thus, if the second and third suggestions made in my second memorandum were adopted, property values in the Colony would at once appreciate by the enormous figure of \$35,000,000, and the repercussion on the economic situation could not be considerable.

On the other hand, the adoption of the two proposals would mean a sacrifice of revenue to the amount of about \$2,200,000. This sum is made up of \$1,556,000 (being 4% of \$38,941,000), and \$660,000 (being estimated loss entailed by the new method of assessment). This is a considerable sum, and would further greatly widen the gap between estimated revenue and expenditure. Nevertheless, I urge my suggestions on the Government without hesitation and with a full sense of my responsibility, for it is my firm conviction that in their adoption will be found one effective means of improving the present situation.

One of the chief indices of the depth of the economic depression is found in the property values which have

fallen to an enormous extent. A fall in such values is not an effect merely, but is also a further predisposing cause of depression, owing to the dependence of every line of business upon every other line. Any measure, therefore, which is calculated to check further depression in the property market, if not to stimulate it to new activity, is a measure which will distribute its beneficial effect throughout business as a whole.

The share market is in an unduly depressed condition owing to the normal effect of bad times in which many are compelled to sell their holdings in order to raise money for the purpose of carrying on their business or of reducing or paying off mortgages when forced to do so. This condition is further accentuated by speculative influences. A favourable reaction in the property market would help to remove certain of the factors depressing the share market, particularly in relation to shares of real estate companies. This would further help in restoring confidence in the established industries of the Colony. Experience shows that there is always a correlation of movement between property values and stocks values in this Colony, though the two movements may not be synchronous.

## ADVANTAGE TO BUSINESS.

Rent charges form a considerable proportion of the costs of many of our small businesses. A small reduction in this item of his costs may mean the difference to a small tradesman when he is hesitating whether it is worth while to carry on. Property-owners who at present find it difficult, if not impossible, to make concessions of this kind, would be enabled to do so, with a lighter Assessment Tax burden, and would find it in their interest to pass on part of the relief obtained. The rate of mortality among small businesses, involving in the mass a serious loss to the Colony, would thus be checked.

With the return of confidence and hope created by Governmental action promising such a substantial measure of relief, with the assurance that Government was not adopting the laissez-faire policy of leaving recovery to find its own way, hoarded money would come out; property would once more change hands; credit would expand as confidence expanded; existing business undertakings would be maintained; and so an all-round improvement may be expected. The structure of the present-day economic system is such that its various parts are interdependent, a favourable movement in any one quarter being generally reflected in similar movements in other quarters, so that the amelioration becomes cumulative.

## USE OF SURPLUS.

Now, how is the loss in revenue to be made up, if the two proposals were carried into effect? Happily, this is not a case in which an unbalanced Budget calls for an increase in public indebtedness. The increased deficit could, and should, I submit, be met out of the Colony's reserve. The surplus of the Colony, it is true, is already being substantially drawn upon to balance the Budget for 1935; but it is a fact, making it clear that the Government is not averse to an encroachment on its surplus to enable it to balance a Budget in difficult times. If, as I have endeavoured to show, the suggested remission is expected to act as a stimulus to the Colony's business and economic outlook, then the policy of drawing on our surplus to meet this particular deficit would be all the more justifiable, since it would be done for the purpose of pursuing, not a merely negative policy, but a positively remedial course of action.

This further depletion of the Colony's surplus balances would not be so serious as necessarily to deter Government from adopting the course which I have urged. Some years ago it was officially announced that a reserve of about \$10,000,000 was considered advisable by both the Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies as provision for a rainy day, so to speak. But even if what I have advocated meant a reduction of the surplus for a time well below this figure, it would still be, in my view, a proper use of the reserve.

## THE "RAINY DAY."

It is idle to set aside reserves for a "rainy day," and then to define that term in such a way that not even the most disastrous economic depression in our history could be so called. The Colony has had its ups and downs, but never has it passed through a period of such a depression as now. The economic hurricane which has struck us is of unprecedented violence, and we may hope that never again will the Colony suffer such an unhappy deluge. If the present is not the time to make the best use of this surplus, when is the time? I say that now is the time to do so and to do it boldly.

But I am confident that the Colony's reserves would rot, by these two remedial measures, be drawn below the margin of safety, but would rather, through their ameliorative effect on business, and consequently on revenue, be found ultimately to be in the neighbourhood of the Hon. Colonial Treasurer's own estimated figure for the end of 1935. This view is strengthened by past experience of the results of a conservative exchange rate taken in framing the Estimates. I see the wisdom in the adoption of the rate of 1/4d as the basis for the 1935 Estimates, and feel confident that by the end of that year our position from this cause will be found to be much better than anticipated.

In his remarks on the surplus balances of the Colony, the Hon. Colonial Secretary referred to the necessity for maintaining these balances at a high figure, and to the fact that the public mind is not yet completely satisfied. At the same time, however, he referred to certain sources of revenue still untapped, from which future replenishment of our balances may be expected. I conclude from this, and from the

## RATEPAYERS' HOPE BLASTED

## MR. BRAGA SUPPORTS TAX REDUCTION

## VALUE OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES

Owing to sickness, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was absent, but his speech, read by Hon. Mr. Bell, was as follows:—Your Excellency—I must confess to some disappointment with the Government statement in presenting the Estimates for next year. This disappointment rises from the fact that, while the trade depression formed the keynote of the Honourable the Colonial Secretary's review of the Estimates, the Government has shown no practical sympathy with the Colony in the difficult times through which it is passing. A substantial evidence of such sympathy would have been greatly appreciated if some scheme had been formulated for a reduction in the high cost of the Colony's administration. This was one of the ratepayers' chief grievances, if not the foremost, before the appearance of the Estimates. That hope has been unfortunately blasted and the Colony's inhabitants are left in the predicament of having to work out their own salvation.

Usually well-informed concerning the action affecting the Colony generally taken by the big banks, the large commercial houses and industrial undertakings in Hongkong, Government could not have failed to become acquainted with the measures adopted by these various institutions, almost without exception, to cope with the difficulties besetting Hongkong through this prolonged trade depression. A choice of two evils presented itself alternatively in proposals for cuts in salaries or reduction in the personnel of the staff. The less harmful of the two courses was chosen.

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conviction that the suggested measures would result in increases in many existing sources of revenue, that it would be a policy involving no real danger to the Colony's resources. In these times of uncertainty and doubt there is greater need for us to adopt a due sense of proportion as between the present and the future. We may be in more danger of neglecting the present for the future's sake than leaving the future a little to itself for the sake of the present. The interests of the present should not be under-estimated; they are, in a sense, the interest of the future also, for a bright future cannot be built upon a foundation of continued and increasing depression in the present.

Many to-day are disheartened, and for that they cannot be blamed. But the pity of it is that our pessimists, in the absence of positive action by the Government, have gone about sounding the knell of the Colony. This depressing influence is to be deplored, for it has already produced, through the loss of time of uncertainty and gloomy forebodings, a most psychological and disastrous results. Our present troubles are in no small measure due to psychological influences induced by such talks. I would even go to the length of saying that the present depression is due as much to psychological forces as to any other cause. This baneful influence must be vigorously combated, and I can see no better way of doing it than the adoption of measures that would restore public confidence.

## BOLD POLICY NEEDED.

I would therefore most earnestly ask Your Excellency to give my two proposals your early and sympathetic consideration. They are not only palliatives rather than curative, and, at least, in put forward as a temporary measure. I know that the finances and the trade of the Colony will never quite recover their former position unless world economic conditions have improved, and the crisis in the Kwangtung Province, is lowered. But I feel, none the less strongly, that the measures suggested are essential, if the present already serious condition is not to become still worse; if public confidence is to be restored; and if a return to better times is to be hastened. Even if the results of the proposed measures are uncertain, they should be tried as experiments. The existing extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances call for a bold policy, even if that policy is not expected by some to yield the desired results. We must try, and try again, until we succeed. Passive acquiescence in a situation avails us nothing. Unless something is attempted, nothing will be achieved.

In 1925, when the economic life of the Colony was threatened by the machinations of the public mind, the Government in spite of opposition and doubts from many influential quarters in the Colony, prevented a financial breakdown and so saved the situation by deciding, within one single day, to make the public a trade loan of \$20,000,000. To-day the Colony is passing through an even greater crisis, and it is to be hoped, as it is believed, that it will be extricated from its sore plight by similar qualities of courage and statesmanship.

From Your Excellency, as from the Hon. Colonial Secretary who has administered the Government on so many occasions with such ability and success, we may look for these continued devotion to the welfare of the community is known to all, and it is a matter for congratulation to ourselves that during these most difficult times our public affairs should have been presided over by an administrator with so sure a grasp of our needs, and so great a readiness to foster and promote our interests.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## Jazz Piano Recital From The Studio.

## Z.E.K. PROGRAMME.

From Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres (845 kilocycles), 6-7 p.m. Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden (by courtesy of the Management). 7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations. 7.08-7.30 p.m. Orchestra. Hungarian Dances (Brahms; arr. Dvornik). The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult. (a) No. 19 in B Minor; (b) No. 20 in E Minor; (c) No. 21 in E Minor. Sleeping Beauty—Pantomime (Tchikovsky). Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Shepherd Fennel's Dance (Gardiner). Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Concerto Waltz in A (Glazounov). Wenceslao Dance (La Tregenda), from "Le Villi" (Puccini). The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra conducted by Percy Pitt.

7.30-8 p.m. From the Studio. A Jazz Piano recital by Doreen Ma. Programme. 1. Whispering. 2. Improvisation (by Lee Sims). 3. When Summer is gone. 4. Melody in F. 5. All I do is Dream of you. 6. Caprice Futurist. 7. Emaline. 8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert. 9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations. 10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, further London Stock and Commodity Quotations, followed by New York Opening Quotations. 10.40 p.m. Close Down. 8.30-10 p.m. European Recorded Programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 610 k.c.s. 8.30-8.52 p.m. Carnival of the Animals (Saint-Saens). Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

1. Introduction and Royal March of the Lion; 2. Hens and Cocks; 3. Mules; 4. Tortoises; 5. The Elephant; 6. Kangaroos; 7. Aquarium; 8. Pterosaurs with long ears; 9. Cuckoo in the woods; 10. Birds; 11. Fossils; 12. The Swan; 13. Pianists; 14. Finale. 8.52-9.15 p.m. Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor for Piano and Orchestra played by Solomon and the Halle Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty.

1st Movement—Allegro non troppo e molto maestoso. 2nd "—Andantino semplice. 3rd "—Allegro con fuoco. 9.15-9.30 p.m. A recital by Percy Heming (Baritone). 1 (a) Jock the Fiddler; (b) The Ballad-Monger; (Easthope-Martin). 2 (a) Fairings; (b) Come to the Fair; (Easthope-Martin). 3 Hatfield Bells (Easthope-Martin). 4 Crown of the Year (Easthope-Martin).

9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations. 9.35-10 p.m. Musical Comedy. Vocal Gems—Helen (Offenbach). Columbia Light Opera Company Selection—Words and Music. Vocal Gems—The Cat and the Fiddle (Kern). Light Opera Company. 10 p.m. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES. Hippodrome Theatre Relay. From Coventry. Daventry programme will be broadcast to-night as follows:—TRANSMISSION. 2. Two of the following frequencies and wavelengths will be used simultaneously, but the wavelengths may be changed in the course of each day's transmissions. Announcements will be made at frequent intervals:—

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7 p.m. Time Signal from Big Ben, Sydney. Guala at the Organ of the Guala, Guala, Chester. 7.45 p.m. The Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra, conducted by Charles Bradwell, relayed from the Hippodrome Theatre, Coventry. 8 p.m. A recital of new gramophone records by Christopher Stone. 9.30 p.m. The Scottish Radio Orchestra, directed by Guy Daines; Kathleen Hay (soprano), from an Edinburgh Studio.

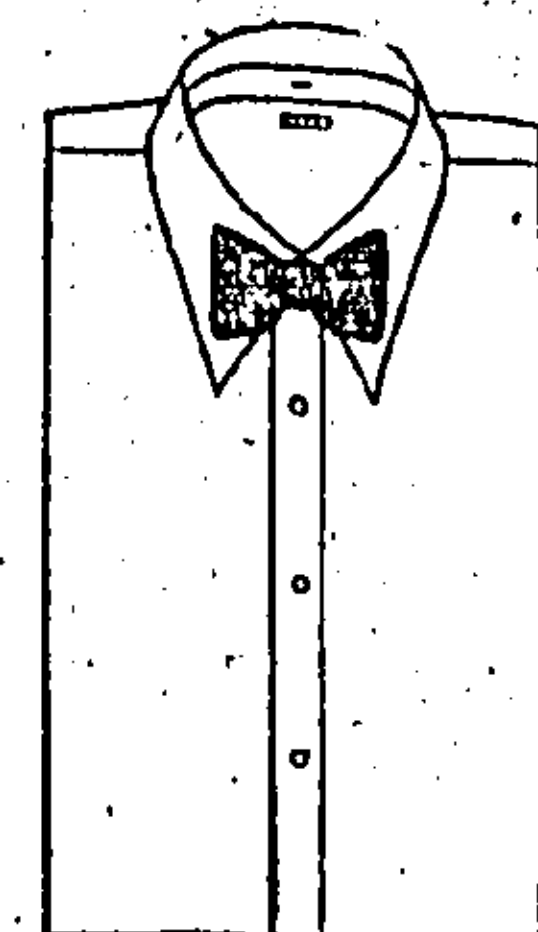
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# FOOTBALLERS BACK INTO HARNESS THIS WEEKEND



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## TEAMS START LEAGUE PROGRAMME FULL OF OPTIMISM

### CLUB WITHOUT ROBERTSON AND E. STRANGE

GOSANO BROTHERS RETAINED IN THE RECREIO FORWARD LINE

KOWLOON'S BEST XI ON VIEW

(By "Veritas").

Football, that game of such subtle attractions that it can be played for three quarters of the year without a break and still remain appealing to hundreds of sportsmen, players and spectators alike, makes its proper re-entry into the sporting life of the Colony this week-end, when the first league matches of the new season will be played.

Although it was only a little more than four months ago that we were waxing enthusiastic over the feats of the Borderers and were wondering whether they would break all local records, the return to the big ball game after such a brief close season is eagerly anticipated.

Old favourites will be missed, but newcomers, some enjoying a reputation built on previous displays, others with the promise of establishing such reputations, will be there to fill the breaches, and if the trials and practice games of the last fortnight mean anything, football in Hongkong should reach higher standards than ever before.

#### FOOTBALL'S HEAVY DEMANDS.

The partial eclipse of the Chinese last year, and their determination to rehabilitate themselves adds a touch of pique, and not a little interest, to the forthcoming contest for honours. The Governor's Cup, Lai Wah Cup, Charity Cup, Shields and last but not least the league titles all promise to furnish keener competition than ever.

And then later on, of course, we shall have the visit of the Shanghai Interport team, undoubtedly THE event of the season.

In fact the next seven or eight months are going to keep local footballers very busy. Possibly such a programme will prove a little too much for some of the players, for the more successful they are, the more likely it is they will be called upon to play in those matches extraneous to the normal league and cup ties. The strain of maintaining 100 per cent. form in league encounters and at the same time strive for recognition in representative games, can be, and undoubtedly is, very severe.

Fortunately the footballer remains blissfully unconscious of this, and it is only after the heat of the game and taking a purely detached viewpoint that one can notice such possible effects. Certainly the whole of the teams

participating in the Hongkong league are starting off this week brimful of confidence, forgetful of past misfortunes, and mindful only of the gifts the gods have to offer in the future. On such a philosophy are champions bred.

#### CHIEF ATTRACTIONS.

As for the week-end programme, there are one or two matches which have special attractions. The most important is at Sookun-poo on Sunday, where the Borderers, last season's champions, will entertain South China "A", the team who, a year ago, flattered but to deceive.

I do not intend to comment fully on this encounter here, but shall do so in Saturday's issue of the *Telegraph*, by which time I hope to know the selection of both teams. There is an element of doubt in both. I don't think Lee Wai-tung will be turning out for South China, although there is no doubt that his presence would be welcomed by friend and foe alike. As to whether Hazlewood will turn out for the Borderers I am also at the moment in the dark, and right now the composition of the Borderers forward line is a matter for conjecture.

But on Saturday the Club visit Caroline Hill to meet St. Joseph's now depleted through the exodus of the Gosano brothers and Beltrao to the Club de Recreio.

The Club will not be at full strength, but they are fielding a side which they feel quite confident can prove good enough to take the points.

#### CLUB CASUALTIES.

L.G. Robertson is still suffering from the effects of his injury received in a recent practice game and cannot take his place in the team. B. Williams, a newcomer, is being given an opportunity to win his spurs and will assume Robertson's responsibilities at right half.

It is with very much regret I learn of the recent illness of Ernest Strange, the Club's clever inside left, who, if he maintains his form, is going to be an important player this year.

He has been in hospital, and although now out and about is still too weak to play. It is hoped that he will be available in about a fortnight's time.

These withdrawals have incurred changes in the disposition of the team. Baldwin has been sent to the left half berth alongside Pote-Hunt and Williams; Tavlin has been shifted up to inside left, and only Howe and Fowler remain of last year's regular attack.

#### RECREIO CONTENT.

After last week's happy showing against the Navy, the Club de Recreio are letting well alone, are putting their faith in Bowen as partner to Silva-Netto, and keeping A. V. Gosano in the forward line. It is difficult to imagine the East Lancshires stopping the Recreio from garnering the points on Sunday, especially as the Portuguese are on their own ground.

Bernie Gosano has again been placed at inside left, and Beltrao, the Recreio's other important capture, is taking over the pivotal position. The team is splendidly balanced, and promises to be one of the most attractive sides in the league.

"Sonny" Bliss, although a non-

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A. P. F. CHAPMAN.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

### LOCAL SCOUTS IN GOOD FORM

### HIGH STANDARD SET

Those who had the pleasure of seeing the heats of the Hongkong Boy Scouts Association's swimming championship decided yesterday were agreeably surprised at the excellent standard of swimming and diving display by the youngsters.

The entries in all the events were large and the competition of a most stimulating enthusiasm. The heats were competed for at the Victoria Recreation Club, and on Saturday the following will appear in the finals, also at the V. R. C.

#### FINALISTS.

50 Yards Senior Scouts Championship:—N. Lee (5th Kowloon), A. Azado (2nd H. K.), J. Dudley (6th Kowloon), N. Caan (2nd H. K.).

100 Yards Senior Scouts Championship:—Tang Hung-tai (19th H. K.), N. Lee (5th Kowloon), M. Gaan (2nd H. K.), A. Azado (2nd H. K.), S. Lee (1st Kowloon), J. Dudley (6th Kowloon).

25 Yards Senior Cubs:—R. Lawrence (12th Kowloon), G. Azavedo (2nd H. K.), R. Sanches (2nd H. K.), B. Vincent (4th H. K.).

25 Yards Junior Cubs:—D. Andrews (4th H. K.), S. Dorling (9th Kowloon), J. Lindsay (1st Kowloon), J. Osmund (2nd H. K.), R. Thompson (12th H. K.), F. Kinaird (14th H. K.), J. Way (1st Kowloon).

Junior Scouts Diving:—G. Rosario (2nd H. K.), W. Pryde (4th H. K.), V. Saunders (4th H. K.), F. Jarrett (6th Kowloon).

Cubs Diving:—B. Vincent (4th H. K.), S. Pledger (4th H. K.), A. Fraser (1st Kowloon), G. Saunders (9th Kowloon), A. Dorling (9th Kowloon), R. Lawrence (12th Kowloon).

Senior 50 Yards Back Stroke:—H. Millington (1st Kowloon), W. Hick (1st Kowloon), W. Pryde (4th H. K.), A. Azado (2nd H. K.), H. Sommers (Sea Scouts).

Junior 50 Yards Back Stroke:—Yee Wing-jing (Sea Scouts), Cheuk Hing-wo (18th H. K.), F. Thompson (4th Kowloon), G. Rosario (2nd H. K.).

Junior Scouts 50 Yards Championship:—D. Morris (4th Kowloon), Yee Wing-jing (Sea Scouts), G. Rosario (2nd H. K.).

Life Saving Race:—Shiu Kashing (Sea Scouts), P. Wilson (Sea Scouts), J. Winyard (1st Kowloon), H. Millington (1st Kowloon).

Inter-Troop Relay:—2nd Hongkong 1st Kowloon, 4th Hongkong Sea Scouts.

## GOVERNOR'S CUP MATCH

### Football Association Select Team

The team to represent the Hongkong Football Association against the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation for the Governor's Cup on October 10 has been selected as follows:

Cord, (K.F.C.); Mullano (S. V. B.); and Morrison (S.W.B.); Pote-Hunt (Club), Podmore (S.W.B.), and Elms (St. Joseph); Mathias (S.W.B.); Ward (St. Joseph); A. V. Gosano (Recreio), Ridley (Lincoln), and Blake (University); Resorve (Club); Rodgers (Club); Strange (Club); Robertson (Club); Woods (East Lanes); Stanley (Navy); G. White (K.F.C.).

## NO MOURNING OVER ENGLISH CRICKET

### WHAT THE CROAKERS FORGET

### OUR BIG CHANCE TO TRAIN MEN FOR AUSTRALIA

(By A. P. F. Chapman)

I would be the last person to appoint myself a sort of grand Coroner and conduct an inquest on what so many people have been pleased to call the corpse of English cricket. For one thing, I am not partial to inquests, and for another there isn't any dead body.

That was a terrible beating we had at the Oval. Admitted. We did not shine at Nottingham or Leeds. But then so many people who talk of the decadence of English cricket—and wish to hurry off a semi-invalid to the mortuary—are so forgetful of recent Test history.

Did not Jardine's team capture the Ashes most convincingly in the tour of Australia of 1932-33?

#### NOT SO BAD.

Did not the side I had the honour of leading in Australia in 1928-29 push home the success we had gained at the Oval in the deciding match of the Australian tour here in 1926?

Can English cricket be so bad when it has been proved to be better than the best Australia could put in the field in three rubbers of the last five?

Australia won and won deservedly this year, but the future is nothing like so black as is painted. Most decidedly I am not going into mourning.

Our fielding needs a thorough shaking up; but, without attempting to excuse the mistakes and the apparent slackness at the Oval, I am sure that all experienced cricketers will be with me when I say that every team strikes a day when no catch will "stick," when a hard-driven ball instead of coming to the left or right pops six inches to the left or jumps in the last split second. And it is astonishing how one miss leads to others.

#### GOES THE OTHER WAY.

When a Test team strikes such a patch, of course, it is perfectly horrible.

It goes the other way sometimes, too. Let a brilliant catch be made in the first hour and the whole team gets on its toes.

It doesn't seem possible to me that circumstances of a most exceptional kind and yet so varied in their nature should all combine again in one season to make the task of the selectors so supremely difficult.

In the perfect team there would not be any need to "hide" even one man in the field. When you are driven to take the field with three or four players who have never posed as Hammonds or Leylands or Bradmans in seeing, moving to, and gathering the ball, all sorts of complications arise and the captain's task becomes a nightmare.

For my own part I think "Bob" Wyatt came through the Tests splendidly. He did his utmost on every occasion.

## NETBALL LEAGUE

### Ladies Association Hold Meeting

A meeting of affiliated clubs of the Hongkong Ladies' Netball Association was held at the Exchange Restaurant yesterday evening, Miss H. Knill, of the Central British School, presiding.

The meeting unanimously decided that each school pay \$1 affiliation fee to the Association and that a fee of \$2 be paid by each team entered in the Hongkong Schools Netball League.

The following entries were received: St. Stephen's Girls' College (two teams), Central British School (two teams), Bloomsan Girls' School (two teams), Bellios Public Girls' School (two teams), Kowloon Junior School and Quarry Bay School, one team each.

The League, as in the past season, will be divided into three sections, namely, senior, intermediate and junior.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Miss E. S. Atkins; vice-President—Miss H. D. Sawyer; Mrs. F. Y. Stark; Miss M. B. Hall; Mrs. E. M. Clark; and Miss E. M. Anderson; Honorary Secretary—Miss H. Knill; Honorary Assistant Secretary—Miss M. Roger.

## BRADMAN'S TEMPERATURE A LITTLE HIGHER.

### PASSES A GOOD NIGHT.

London, Sept. 26. The latest bulletin from Don Bradman's bedside states that the cricketer's condition remains just about the same, except that his temperature is a little higher.

Earlier it was reported that Bradman passed a good night, his condition remaining unchanged.—Reuter.

## MILITARY AQUATICS

### Hongkong Area Board Finals To-day

Heats in connection with the Hongkong Area Aquatic Meeting were held yesterday afternoon in the European Y. M. C. A. bath, Kowloon.

The following units and individuals qualified for the finals, which will be held this afternoon.

300 Yards Inter-Coy. Relay:—"B" Coy, S.W.B.; "H.Q." Wing, S.W.B.; 20th Battery, R. A.

Army Boys' 50 Yards Handicap:—Boy H. Clark; Boy P. Hall; Boy F. Hall.

Indians 50 Yards Free Style:—"A" Coy, Punjab; "B" Coy, Punjab; "C" Coy, Punjab; "D" Coy, Punjab; "E" Coy, Punjab; "F" Coy, Punjab; "G" Coy, Punjab; "H" Coy, Punjab; "I" Coy, Punjab; "J" Coy, Punjab.

150 Yards Championship:—Bandsman Martin, S.W.B.; L/Cpl. E. Fullagher, S.W.B.; L/Cpl. W. T. Campbell, S.W.B.

High Diving:—Pte. Mason, S.W.B.; Pte. A. Morrison, S.W.B.; Gunr. Connor, R.A.

Inter-Brigade and Battalion Relay:—Royal Artillery; Lincoln; S.W.B.; East Lancs; Small Units.

Enlisted Boys' 50 Yards Free Style:—Trumpeter Stubbs, R.A.; Boy Miller, Lincoln; Boy Warford, Lincoln; Boy Tyrell, R.A.

25 Yards Dash:—Pte. Marsh, S.W.B.; Edm. Martin, S.W.B.; L/Cpl. Rousseau, R.C. of S.; Gunr. Smith, 20th Bty., R.A.

Indian Relay:—Hongkong Singapore Brigade, R.A. v. 1/8 Punjab.

## INTERNATIONAL BOWLS SHIELD

### SEMI-FINAL TIES ON SUNDAY

It was announced this morning by Mr. H. Hampton, hon. secretary of the Lawn Bowls Association, that the semi-final ties in the International Lawn Bowls Shield would be played this next Sunday.

At the Civil Service Green, Switzerland will meet Portugal at 3.15 p.m., and England will oppose Ireland in the other semi-final at the K.C.C., starting at the same time.

The teams in all cases remain as before.

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## LAWN BOWLS

### THE AITKENHEAD

#### SHIELD ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements made by the sub-committee in charge of competitions last week for the Aitkenhead Shield Competition were confirmed by a meeting of the General Committee yesterday evening.

Mr. H. E. Maughan, President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, who presided at the meeting, announced that arrangements had been made to play off the competition on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club greens on October 13.

B. W. Bradbury, of the Craigkower C.C., had been selected to lead the Hongkong side, and L. Guy, of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, will captain the Kowloon team. The team will be composed of nine players from Kowloon Docks and 13 each from Kowloon C.C. Club de Recreio and Kowloon Bowling Green Club, for Kowloon; ten from the Craigkower C.C., eight each from Civil Service C.C. and Police, six from Talkoo R.C. and four each from the Indian R.C., Yacht Club, Football Club and the Hongkong Electric for Hongkong.

**SPOONS FROM SHANGHAI.** The Chairman also announced that the Association had sent a team to Shanghai for 50 Aitkenhead spoons, with special design, to be presented to members of the winning side in the competition. These, he said, cost approximately \$1.80 each and would be far more appropriate to the occasion than the non-descript spoons that they had been buying in the past.

At the suggestion of Mr. B. Wyllie, it was decided to have a collection during the afternoon for the benefit of the St. Dunstan's Society. The Hon. Treasurer of the Association, Mr. G. E. F. Thompson, was appointed to take charge of the collection boxes.

The following sub-committees were elected to choose the players for the Aitkenhead Shield: Messrs. H. Beer, F. J. Jones and B. W. Bradbury. For Kowloon—Messrs. R. P. Phillips, F. X. M. da Silva and L. Guy. It was decided that the names of players from the different clubs must be submitted by October 3. A dinner will be held in the Kowloon C.C. hall after the Aitkenhead Shield match, and all lawn bowlers in the Colony are asked to attend. The cost per head is \$1.50.

As a memento of his success during the present season in winning the Singles, Pairs and Rinks Competitions, the Committee decided to present a special prize to A. W. Grammitt, the Civil Service C. C. bowler.

The Committee decided to ask Hon. Mr. R. Lindell, President of the Kowloon C.C., to give away the prizes during the evening of the dinner.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton.		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
Close		
October	12.54	12.52-12.52
December	12.69	12.67-12.68
January	12.74	12.62-12.62
March	12.80	12.71-12.71
May	12.87	12.76-12.77
July	12.90	12.80-12.81
Spot	12.80	12.70

New York Rubber		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
October	15.34	15.00-15.00
December	15.55	15.25-15.25
January	15.67	15.38-15.38
March	15.73	15.64-15.65
May	15.80	15.66-15.66
July	15.86	15.86-15.86
Spot	15.86	15.86-15.86

Chicago Wheat		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
October	104 1/4	104 1/4-104 1/4
December	104 1/4	103 3/4-103 3/4
January	104 1/4	103 3/4-103 3/4
May	104 1/4	103 3/4-103 3/4
July	104 1/4	103 3/4-103 3/4
Spot	104 1/4	103 3/4-103 3/4

Chicago Corn		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
October	70	75 1/4-75 1/4
December	70 1/2	75 1/4-75 1/4
January	70 1/2	75 1/4-75 1/4
May	70 1/2	75 1/4-75 1/4
July	70 1/2	75 1/4-75 1/4
Spot	70 1/2	75 1/4-75 1/4

Winnipeg Wheat		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
October	82 1/2	81 1/4-81 1/4
December	82 1/2	81 1/4-81 1/4
January	82 1/2	81 1/4-81 1/4
May	82 1/2	81 1/4-81 1/4
July	82 1/2	81 1/4-81 1/4
Spot	82 1/2	81 1/4-81 1/4

New York Sugar		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
October	1.07	1.05-1.05
December	1.07	1.05-1.05
January	1.07	1.05-1.05
May	1.07	1.05-1.05
July	1.07	1.05-1.05
Spot	1.07	1.05-1.05

New York Silk		
	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
October	1.14	1.13 1/4-1.14
December	1.14	1.13 1/4-1.14
January	1.14	1.13 1/4-1.14
May	1.14	1.13 1/4-1.14
July	1.14	1.13 1/4-1.14
Spot	1.14	1.13 1/4-1.14

## LEAGUE ACTION REQUESTED

### GENEVA OPINION SHARPLY DIVIDED

#### PRESIDENT SANDLER LIKELY TO EVADE DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Geneva, Sept. 26.

M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Minister and chief of Russia's delegation to the League of Nations, has made it apparent that he believes the day of usefulness of the Disarmament Conference has passed and that the League Council must reassume responsibility for this problem.

During an informal luncheon with other members of the League Council, M. Litvinoff produced the text of a draft resolution, drawn by him and already sent to the President of the League Assembly, suggesting that the League Council should receive a report from the President of the Disarmament Conference, Mr. Arthur Henderson, with regard to the present state of the work of the Conference.

The resolution also requested that the League Council should decide upon the procedure to be followed in connection with Disarmament matters in the future.

#### MIXED RECEPTION.

M. Litvinoff's suggestions apparently have met with a very mixed reception in the lobbies at Geneva.

It is pointed out, for instance, that the League Assembly had already decided not to discuss the Disarmament question this session. It is considered likely, therefore, that M. Sandler, President of the Assembly, will suggest an adjournment of the Litvinoff proposals, which will leave the question open without committing the Assembly or the Council in any way.

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## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

### LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuter.

Chinese Bonds.

Sept. 25 Sept. 26

1 1/2% Bonds 1898	£102	£102
(Eng. Iss.)	£102	£102
4 1/2% Loan 1908	£93 1/2	£93 1/2
5% Loan 1912	£73 1/2	£73 1/2

5% Reorg. Loan		
1913 (Ldn. Iss.)	£95 1/2	£95 1/2
5% Bonds 1925-47	£89	£89 1/2
5% Shai-Nanking Rly.	£70 1/2	£70 1/2

5% Tient-Pukow Rly.	£29	£29
5% Tient-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan)	£22	£22
5% Shai-Hchow-Ningpo Rly.	£100	£100
5% Honan Rly.	£27	£26
5% Hukang Rly.	£38	£38

5% Lung Tsing U. Hui Rly. 1913	£17	£17
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Foreign Bonds and Banks.

German 7% Int. Loan 1924	53 1/2	54 1/2
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1907	83 1/2	83
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1924	94 1/2	93 3/4
H.K. & Shai Bk. (Ldn. Regd.)	£120	£137
Charl. Bk. 5% sh.	£15 1/2	£15 1/2

Industrials and Breweries.

Associated Elec. Industries	22 1/2	22 1/2
British-Amer. Tob.	125 1/2	125 3/4
Chinese Eng. and Min. (Deonar)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Tate & Lyle	49 1/2	49 1/2
Distillers	88 1/2	89 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	57 1/2	57 1/2
Everready 5% sh.	27 1/2	27 1/2
General Electric (England)	46 1/2	46 1/2
Boots 5% sh.	47 1/2	47 1/2
Impl. Chem. Ind.	39 1/2	39 1/2
Def. 10% sh.	9 1/2	9 1/2
Impl. Tobacco	130 1/2	134 1/2
Woolworths 5% sh.	103 1/2	104 1/2
Internat. Nickel	25	25 1/2

Anglo-Persian Oil	40 1/4	40 1/4
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Pinchin Johnson	40 1/2	40 1/2
Turner & Newall	53 1/2	52 1/2
Unilever	24 1/2	24 1/2

Miscellaneous.		
Anglo-Dutch	26 1/4	26 1/4
Burma Corp. Rs. 10	12 1/2	12 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rly. 5% sh.	14	14 1/4
Charl. 15% sh. (Deonar)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	22 1/2	22 1/2
Trepan Mines 5% sh.	9 1/2	9 1/2
Langia ngie Estates	32 1/2	32 1/2
London Tin 10% sh.	11 1/2	12 1/2
Pekin Synd. 2% ord. sh.	2 1/2	2 1/2
Rubber Trusts	33 1/2	33 1/2
Shai Elec. Constr.	57 1/2	57 1/2
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## TYPHOON SOUTH OF COLONY

### Another Lucky Escape

Hongkong is again fortunate in escaping a typhoon, the latest depression being situated about 250 miles south of Hongkong at 10 o'clock this morning, moving West or W.S.W.

The disturbance is thus passing well south of the Colony, heading for the coast near Hainan. The local weather forecast is: N.E. winds, strong, moderating; cloudy with rain.

## RUSSO-AMERICAN DEBT ACCORD

### FULL AGREEMENT NOW FORESEEN

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Sept. 26.

President Roosevelt to-day indicated that the Government expected that the Russo-American debt problems would ultimately be solved.

Solution was probable, he said, in spite of the slowness of negotiations now proceeding between American representatives and the Soviet Minister at Washington.

United Press.

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## WOMEN'S TEST TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

R. Abbit On  
The Interport  
SelectionsYESTERDAY'S  
PRACTICE

The announcement that no less than fourteen players would make the trip to Shanghai came as rather a surprise to me. In the actual personnel of the party there are only two names that call for comment. In the first place Elvin has not been selected. I think Minu's better fielding and hitting turned the scale though I am pretty sure that the authorities think that Minu will bowl better against the really good bats. In the second, Mackay's name was not originally mentioned in the list of people who could get away and I have never really considered him. He is undoubtedly a useful man to take along as he is a useful reserve wicket-keeper. As a bat however, though he has some very nice strokes, he is rather too much in the class of "differ" to recommend him for a place as a batsman.

## LAST NIGHT'S PRACTICE.

There was a practice last night at which a good many of the potential batsmen had about a quarter of an hour apiece while there was a general run round of the bowlers. I was very glad to see that Owen-Hughes seems to be getting used to batting in glasses. The only time he was really adrift was when Pereira bowled him with a beauty that came down at a tremendous pace and took the top of the off-stump as far as I could see. Baines and Madar batted nicely, and so did J. P. Williams. On the whole the trial was very interesting as most of the old weaknesses cropped up. Ricketts failed to do very much with the ball but he took a very pretty snap catch in the slips. There was a fielding practice at the end and, as usual, Minnis showed up very well. I like his under-arm flick in that brings the ball full pitch over the top of the stump. Mitchell took one or two nice catches.

## PROBABLE TEAM?

T. E. Pearce To Lead  
Side

A team, captained by T. E. Pearce, and looking suspiciously like the Interport XI to play against Shanghai, will meet a side led by A. W. Hayward in a two-day match on the Kowloon C.C. ground on Saturday and Sunday. The match will commence at 2 p.m. on the first day and at noon on the second.

Teams:  
T. E. Pearce's XI—T. E. Pearce, Rev. H. W. Baines, G. S. Dunkley, C. C. Garthwaite, H. Owen Hughes, I. McInnes, A. H. Madar, A. B. Minu, P. D. Pereira, T. A. Pearce and G. R. M. Ricketts.  
A. W. Hayward's XI—A. W. Hayward, J. P. Williams, N. A. E. Mackay, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Zimmerman, G. A. Stewart, T. L. M. Redmond, G. Millbank and J. Elvin.



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FINE CATCHES  
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## DRESS PROBLEM

(By W. F. SANDERSON)

An England team of women cricketers will sail for Australia in October to play a series of three Test matches and to play against State elevens.

I went to Northampton when the team, which will be away for nearly six months, played against a side called "The Rest."

You may, or may not, agree that women should play cricket, but this I assure you: after watching yesterday's play I am no longer a doubter.

These women know the game and they play it exceedingly well. The match ended in a tie, but that was merely because there were two declarations.

## CAPTAIN'S MISTAKE.

The Touring team won the toss, and Miss Archdale, the captain, admitted to me that she made a mistake; she should have sent the other side in.

So, on a sticky wicket, her side were tumbled out for 56.

I was not surprised, for the leg-break bowling of Mrs. Holden would have troubled any player. She took five for 17—and she is not in the England team!

I saw three catches that would have sent the Oval crowd at the last Test match delirious with delight.

Miss Taylor's catch in the long field was as good as anything I have seen this season, while the wicket-keeping of Miss Snowball was really good.

In the Test team are Games Mistrresses in schools who have had to arrange for deputies while they are away.

Some are students at Universities; one, I understand, is a typist, and she has to give up her job to go!

All have to pay their own fares, and that has handicapped team selection.

Who thought of the uniform these women are to wear in Australia?

I am no dress expert, but white cotton stockings and skirts that compromise between shorts and skirts are neither graceful nor suitable!

## EXCHANGE RATES

	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
Paris	74.23/32	74.10/32
Geneva	15.09	15.07
Berlin	12.35	12.33
Helsingfors	226 1/2	226 1/2
Oslo	19.90	19.90 1/2
Athens	515	515
Milan	67.7/16	67 3/4
Buenos Aires	36 1/2	36 1/2
Shanghai	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
New York	4.97	4.97 1/4
Amsterdam	7.26 1/2	7.25 1/4
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague	118	118
Bucharest	493	493
Madrid	30.1/32	30 1/4
Hongkong	1/7 1/4	1/7 1/4
Brussels	20.99	20.97 1/4
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Bombay	1/4 1/16	1/4 1/16
Yokohama	1/2 1/11/32	1/2 1/11/32
Rio	4 1/4	4 1/4
Montevideo	39.9/16	39.9/16
Bolgerade	215	215
Montreal	4.80 1/2	4.81 1/2
Silver (Spot)	22.1/16	22.5/16
Silver (forward)	22 1/2	22 1/2
War Loan	105.11/16	105 1/4

—British Wireless.

A would-be suicide, Leung Yin, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, after having taken Lysol.

A Mighty Atom  
Of TennisCHINESE GIRL  
MAY PLAY  
FOR ENGLAND

London, Aug. 31.

One of the "mighty atoms" of tennis to-day is a 13-years-old girl, English-born of Chinese parents, who, it is thought, may some day represent Great Britain at Wimbledon.

She is Miss Gen Hoahing, whose home is at Twickenham, Middlesex. Yesterday she beat Miss A. P. Cardinall in the semi-final of the girls' singles in the Middlesex Junior Lawn Tennis Championships at the Herga Club, Harrow, by 6-4, 6-1.

Gen is just a fraction more than 4ft. in height and sits about the court light as a thistle-down.

But there is strength behind her shots for all her slight build. Her forehand drives are mighty enough for a girl of 17 and of average height.

Her services, while not ace-winning deliveries, are well placed and as fast as those of much taller girls.

Because she is English-born there is nothing to prevent her from representing Great Britain in the future if her form justifies her selection.

Whether she dances her way so far—we must wait and see.

ENGLISH JOCKEYS'  
GREAT DAYFirst Three In Big  
Ostend Race

English jockeys filled the first three places in Ostend's big race, the Grand International, worth nearly £3,000.

Gordon Richards was first on Lord Woolavington's Easton, who was second in both the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby.

Steve Donoghue finished second on Admiral Drake, winner of the Grand Prix de Paris, and Fred Fox filled third position on Rentenmark.

The winner is trained by Fred Darling at Beekhampton and started a hot favourite.

EASY RUGBY WIN  
FOR BRISTOLBeat Clifton By 14  
Points To Nil

London, Sept. 26.  
Meeting in a Rugby Union match at Bristol to-day, Bristol defeated Clifton with ease, scoring 14 points to nil.—*Reuter*.

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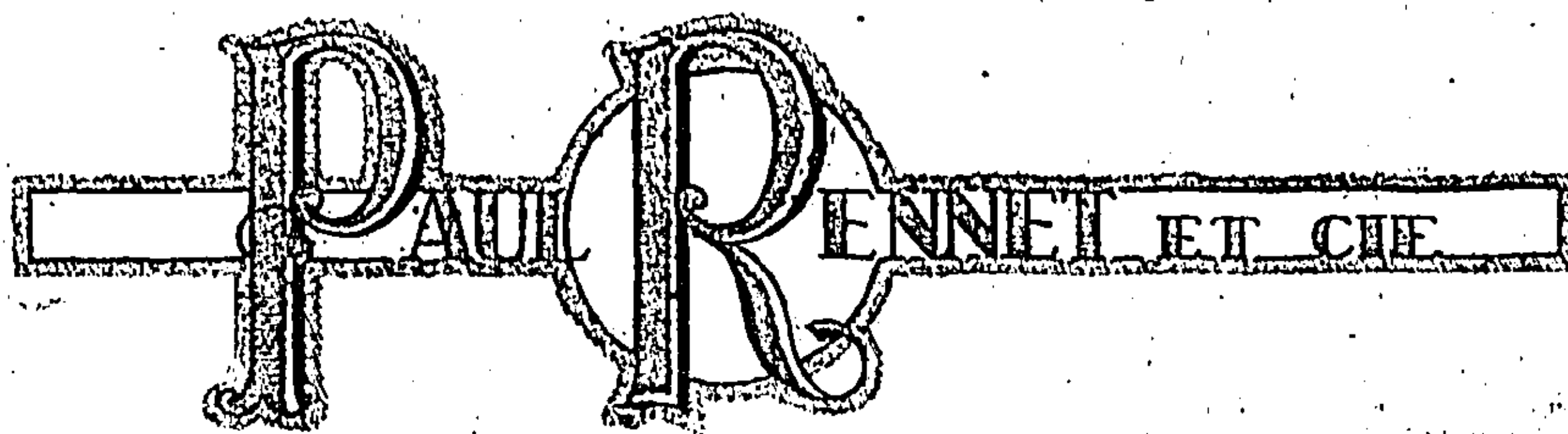
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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I'M GLAD IT'S FRECKLES AN' NOT ME

AW, THIS MR DIRK IS JUST STALLIN'. YOU CANT TELL ME THAT CHECK IS GOOD... NOSIR!

YSR. HE'S A CROOK!

SURE!

THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW FRECKLES WILL GET STUCK ON MR MASON'S DAUGHTER. MILLIE MASON. FUZZY KNOWS WHO SHE IS! I THINK SHE'S A PILL!

SHE'S A NICE GIRL!

DO YOU KNOW MILLIE MASON, FUZZY? HERE WE THOUGHT YOU DIDNT LIKE GIRLS

NAHH... SAY! I DONT KNOW ANY GIRLS... I AINT NO SISSEY! ME KNOW MILLIE MASON? POOPPOO...

HAAAA HAAAA HAAAA

GEE! I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD SUCH NICE TEETH, FUZZY... THEY'RE JUST LIKE PEARLS!

PEARL WHO?

## A Man's Man!

## By Blosser



MR. BRAGA'S  
SPEECH(Continued from Page 7.)  
THE AXE IN COMMERCE.

In the application of the axe some firms have thought fit to institute an all-round cut in salaries of a uniform rate whilst others have worked on a sliding scale of reduction so as to inflict a minimum of hardship. The scale was graduated to a point below which it did not proceed, since it is considered that clerks and others of that category must be paid at least a living wage.

If a scheme such as has been brought into operation very widely in the Colony had been framed in connection with the Estimates it might have afforded a partial measure of relief upon Government's own initiative and it would certainly have been interpreted as a gracious gesture of the Government's sympathy with the inhabitants and an earnest of its efforts to assist the Colony at the present juncture.

It will be recalled that on the 10th June, 1933, this Council voted the sum of over one and a half million dollars to ameliorate the condition of the officers of the Government because of the high cost of living then prevailing. The recommendations of the Gollan Commission have been considered ever since, despite the Colony's altered economic condition for the worse. The local cost of living is now substantially lower, the Colony in turn expects some little reciprocity and in this expectation they have no desire to inflict upon the employees of Government the least hardship. Any saving in personal emoluments could be applied towards an abatement of rates from which the humblest inhabitant stands to benefit.

## NO REAL EFFORT.

Scrutinizing the Estimates with some care, I fail to discover that any real effort has been made to curtail the cost of the permanent establishment of the Colony. For example, the proposal to recruit two new Cadets in the emolument for the Colonial Secretary's department being increased by a sum of \$11,000 in 1935. In fact, the impression is very widely held that the Colonial Secretary is already overburdened with a number of officers of this category and in times when economy should be the first consideration it is a doubtful expedient, to any the least, to add to the cost of administration the salaries of new officers of a grade that entails higher expenditure.

Similarly, the Treasurer's proposal to increase the number of his Cadet assistants by one, who will not act as Superintendent of the Stamp Office, cannot be regarded as a recommendation in any real economy. I have a perfect recollection of the days when the duties of Superintendent of the Stamp Office were discharged by locally-recruited officers to the entire satisfaction of the business community. I cannot see any justification for the change.

The same criticism must be directed against the proposed employment of a sterling officer to fill the new post of Assistant Superintendent of Mails in the Post Office.

## CIVIL SERVANTS' PRIVILEGES.

The cogency of my criticism will appear with more telling effect when it is appreciated that the cost of transport of Government servants figures at the colossal sum of exactly half a million dollars for 1935 against 4½ lakhs this year. Not many ratepayers, I feel sure, realize the extent of the cost to the Colony which certain privileges enjoyed by Civil Servants entail. These privileges take the form of passage allowances, among others, to and from the Colonies on account of leave to England and back. I am aware that I am treading on delicate ground when approaching this subject. Leave privileges are defended on the principle that they assume a form of insurance for fitness and efficiency. This insurance premium is probably justified in the case of the front rank members of officialdom and of special technical officers; but in all other cases my submission is that the insurance premium is much too high during these lean years.

While critical of an uneconomical policy dictating the engagement of sterling-paid officers for posts that could be filled with equal efficiency by local men, I must not withhold my word of praise to the Director of the Royal Observatory in attempting "to train local officers on his present staff to the necessary degree of efficiency as Magnetic Observers so as to obviate the need of employing another professional assistant." The Director's example might be followed advantageously by other heads of departments. I regard his recommendation as an eloquent testimony to the efficiency of his subordinates who deserve the Colony's thanks.

The retiring Inspector General of Police will permit an appreciation of his effort at economy in putting Chinese Sub-Officers in charge of certain Fire Brigade Sub-Stations for duties hitherto performed by a European Assistant Station Officer in charge of a Station, thus avoiding the increasing cost of the European establishment.

## HIGHER RATE THREAT.

In the matter of the collection of rates, the Colonial Secretary has raised the point of difficulty experienced in such collection and suggests as one of the steps for speeding up collection "an increase in the rate of corresponding decrease if payment is tendered within the legal period provided in the Rating Ordinance." I would appeal strongly to the Colonial Treasurer to desist from carrying out an experiment of doubtful value. There is real danger that the increased rate would be passed on to the tenant by a type of landlords with whom the honourable member on my right is probably well acquainted.

Touching on the question of those services that ensure the health, security and general well-being of the

community I entertain serious doubts if the ratepayers are entirely satisfied with the Government's present policy. Many entertain the view that the medical services of the Colony are insufficiently financed and my friend, the unofficial member of the Sanitary Board, is even in declining tone Government's apathy in failing to provide a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis and, more recently, voiced the desirability of action being taken for provision for the treatment of leprosy in the Colony. The establishment of a district dispensary at Tsimshatsui at small cost is not beyond the means of the Government to provide. These are subjects which might usefully engage the attention of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

## MALARIA PROBLEM.

Under Sub-head 35 is a vote of \$60,000 for Anti-Malarial Works. In his Memorandum the Treasurer explains that the vote is for anti-malarial work in Hongkong. How much of this \$60,000 is for cost of reclamation and how much of it is provided for the training of stream courses and the draining of swamps to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, is a question I would like answered by the Treasurer. And when the explanation has been forthcoming, ratepayers will be interested to have the expert opinion of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services whether the allocation for anti-malarial works properly so-called is not an amount just sufficient to tinker with the malarial problem in the Colony. I cannot discover any appropriation for this essential preventive service for Kowloon and the Mainland. Development of the popular Castle Peak district for residential purposes, which has started in real earnest, is actually retarded through indifference in the adoption of measures for combating the malarial scourge in this beautiful district of the New Territories. Taiipo's reputation for the prevalence of malarial casts a reflection on the inertia permitting so unsatisfactory a condition of things to continue.

There is growing impatience at the delay in the presentation of the Malarial expert report and commendations as a result of his investigations and research since his arrival in the Colony more than four years ago.

## FERRY BOTTLE-NECK.

Representative residents of the Kowloon community have approached me to register their disappointment and protest at the perpetuation of the bottle-neck near the Star Ferry Pier at Kowloon Point. At no time did they regard the erection of the garage on the Railway ground with favour and their repeated protest against it has proved unavailing. With growing bus and motor car traffic at this point, the need for relieving the bottle-neck of increasingly dangerous congestion is very real and the reconditioning of the road to provide larger accommodation for postal facilities at Kowloon is a poor substitute for a new permanent Post Office in the continuation of which, it has been thought, a beginning might be made in 1935. One has to take a walk any evening, especially after the Chinese supper hour, through the districts of Tsimshatsui, Yau-nai, Mongkok, Tai-koktau and Shamshuipo to realize the pace at which Kowloon is growing. And for one who has visited the Mainland as it was nearly sixty years ago is the existence of a solitary brick and mortar building that served as a picnic house standing on what appeared at the time as the inhospitable foreshore of Yau-nai, flanked by three long settlements, with no roads, no lighting or water service, Kowloon's attainment to its present day populous and prosperous city, is nothing less than absolutely amazing!

It does not require the vision of an optimist to gain the conviction that Kowloon under whose roof all Government services could be co-ordinated is a necessity of the near future.

May I be permitted, Sir, to utter a word of warning against the further encroachment on King's Park by the construction of any new Government buildings as it is proposed to erect the Railway Manager's house within that area? King's Park has been reserved for recreation purposes and if building after building is piled on the site the specific purpose for which this park has been laid out will be defeated. There are other suitable sites for officers' residences in Kowloon.

## RICKSHA PROBLEM.

Kowloon City Fathers, I am told, are divided in their opinion as regards a proposal for reducing the number of public rickshas plying for hire at Tsimshatsui. The support for the reduction of licences is based, I believe, on humanitarian grounds. This sentiment of humanity is a very laudable one, but when one considers that the earnings of rickshas coolies within the flat areas they are licensed to ply their trade are fairly substantial in view of the comparatively light work they have to do, there is no valid reason why rickshas should not be maintained at their present number. The withdrawal of licences from the pullers will deprive them of a living and go to swell the ranks of the unemployed. This latter contingency is greatly to be deplored if it is allowed to happen. Rickshas are a very convenient form of transport in streets not served by the Bus Company, and in wet weather residents are in a position to say that rickshas are a real blessing for short journeys.

## NEW TERRITORY PRODUCE.

Early this year the small Committee appointed by Your Excellency to make recommendations for better facilities for marketing New Territories produce presented their report. The Estimates furnish no indication that efforts are being made for implementing the suggestions for greater facilities for the disposal of New Territories produce. If no facilities are contemplated for 1935, I trust that means will be found for the provision of the small sum required in order to obtain larger accommodation in the Colony's markets for marketing and fruit growing in

the New Territories. The necessity for stimulating the production of local products and for its more extensive marketing in the Colony is a measure the wisdom of which will be at once recognized.

The economic depression has brought forth, for the first time I believe, an admission that local manufactures, though comparatively small in volume, are of far greater importance than most people realized or were prepared to believe. Nor were they willing to concede that our factories provide a means of livelihood for many tens of thousands of our humble inhabitants. Far too much stress has been laid in the past on the predominant importance of our entrepot trade and too little notice has been taken of our local manufactures.

## FACTORY DEVELOPMENT.

It will cause me no surprise if the Economic Commission Your Excellency so timely appointed were to reveal at the conclusion of their enquiry certain pleasing startling facts, and figures that cannot fail to rivet attention to the economic value of the numerous factories scattered throughout Hongkong and at Kowloon and on the Mainland. It goes without saying that shipping and the entrepot trade have first claim on the Colony's support and protection.

Creating this Hongkong's industries are not so unimportant that one can afford to despise them. In recent months there is a growing consciousness that local industries have a forceful appeal on the Government, no less than on our inhabitants. For many reasons, many must be in the Colony who will share the gratification with which the newspaper report was received the other day that the Government has placed a substantial contract for materials for an essential public work with a firm that recently introduced an entirely new industry into the Colony.

## PLEA FOR LOCAL ORDERS.

I plead for the realization of the fact that with every order placed by the Government locally the Colony stands to benefit greatly, and if this latest move can be regarded as an inauguration of a new policy, hope is revived that better days are in store for Hongkong. Private enterprise has been responsible for the construction of extensive public buildings and retaining yards, the erection of a large cement factory, a well-appointed and up-to-date brewery; an electrical-operated brick factory, a modern pipe factory, and factories for the manufacture of rope, rubber goods, cork and felt hats, precincts and clocks, enamelled ware, paints, cheap cotton knitted goods, toilet requisites like perfumery and cosmetics, silk-weaving and others too numerous to mention in detail.

It behoves the Colonists to make every effort to support the enterprising promoters who, in embarking upon their undertakings, have contributed millions of dollars to enrich the Colony and to provide the means of livelihood for the hundreds of thousands of people who flock from the neighbouring provinces to enjoy the fruits of their labour in safety from molestation and tranquillity undisturbed by extraneous influences.

Sir, I started my speech in a tone somewhat critical; but I propose to conclude it in a different key. Business and more often pleasure have taken me on tours of Kowloon and the New

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The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso said:—The Senior Unofficial Member, in his speech, has so fully and clearly set out the collective views of Unofficial Members on the Budget, and, the Senior Chinese Member, also, has so ably represented the views of the Chinese Members, there remains little for me to make comments upon. However, I should like to say a few words with regard to the assessment tax as 96 per cent. of the assessment tax is paid by the Chinese. The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, on introducing the Budget said, "ratepayers are now beginning to be more dilatory in payment, and we hope that they will help the Government by paying promptly and so save the Government expenditure which has to be met by increased taxation."

## INABILITY TO PAY.

I can assure the Government that this dilatoriness was not due to any neglect or wilfulness on the part of the ratepayers but rather to their inability to do so quicker on account of their receipt of many notices in many cases, where the entire house was not let, being insufficient to pay the

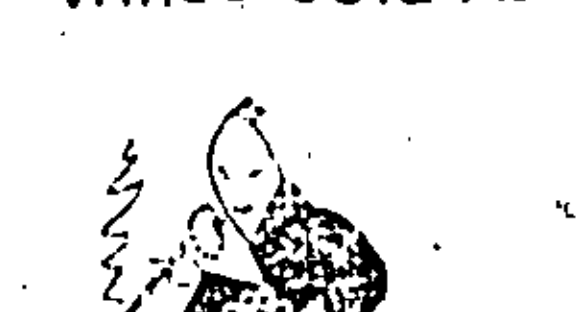
Territories in my self-imposed task as the "man from Cook's" to friends and visitors to Hongkong from foreign places. It has invariably been a source of pleasure and delight to me to point out to our admiring friends not only the natural beauties of Kowloon and the New Territories offer, but the abundant evidence of material progress at every turn that contributes to the comfort and well-being of the inhabitants. The service rendered by the public utility companies in efficient mass transportation by land and water, the public lighting on the island and at Kowloon all contribute to secure better amenities and appreciable public improvements that present themselves as the collective efforts of private enterprise in collaboration with the various Government Departments. The constant betterment of the roads can be pointed to with pride since they are as nearly perfect as climatic conditions will permit in Hongkong. The orderliness of our teeming population, the excellent regulation of the harbour traffic, the dignity and untentious simplicity of design of our public buildings and their maintenance, the discipline and fine physique of our guardians of the peace and, lastly, the admirable cleanliness of our roads and sanitary services bespeak an excellence of co-ordination in the public and private spheres that reflect the greatest credit on the Colony.

For this credit I wish to subscribe my humble quota to the unofficial appreciation voiced by the Senior Unofficial Member of Your Excellency's administration of the Government of the Colony during a period fraught with difficulties and perplexity.

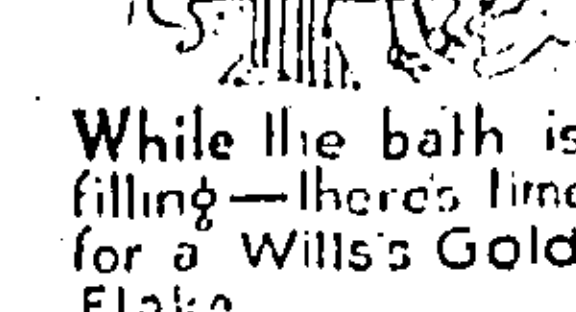
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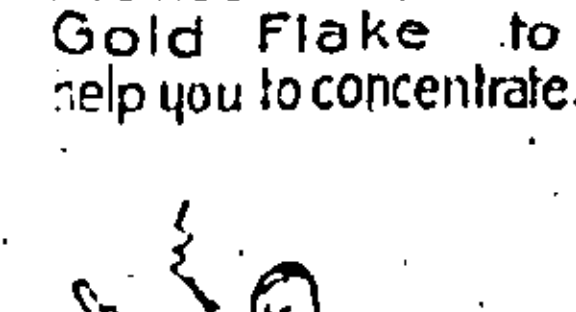
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SYLVIA RIVERS, the younger set of Larchmont, fashionable New York suburb, the daughter of a family whose name was once famous, was sitting in the Yacht Club Beach in a sun-drenched room, waiting for her mother. She was looking at a picture of a young man who had been drinking, Sylvia maliciously continued to force her mother's face from the picture. Humiliated, Boots withdrew from the crowd. She was about to go to the Larchmont swimming instructor, Russ, to tell him that she was going away. He was looking at her with a look of devotion, his calm, flattering look of devotion, his calm, flattering look of devotion. Boots felt what every girl blossoming into womanhood feels—the urgent need of being wanted. Ignorant of the forces working within her, she was conscious only of a growing desire to do things, to be all that was lovely and desirable, adequate in any situation, however difficult.

CHAPTER XV

Boots swallowed hard. Denis Fenway, in old gray flannels with a black-thorn stick in his hand, stood gazing at her, frankly embarrassed, frankly at a loss. Boots was the more composed. She crumpled the damp handkerchief that had been a handkerchief in her hand and smiled wanly at him. "Don't pay any attention to me," she said quickly and lightly. "I've got the early morning blues. One of my Irish ancestors is stalking me to-day. We all like a good cry, you know."

Surprisingly, the young man sat down beside her, stretching his long legs out on the cobble-paved grass, started and spangled with globules of dew.

"Cry away," he said briefly. "I have a good shoulder." Boots put her handkerchief resolutely away in the pocket of her white woolly sweater and smiled again. "Oh, the shower's over," she told him. "It was nothing."

If this handsome, indolent young man thought she was going to tell him her troubles he was badly mistaken. Probably he would try to use her for what writers call it—easy. He was going to be disappointed if that was his aim.

She threw him a side glance. How black, how absurdly long and sweeping his lashes were, over eyes of darkest blue! And how extraordinarily tall he was! If he weren't so obviously self-satisfied and conceited she might have liked him a little. As it was she put on her usual mask of casual interest.

"I thought you'd gone back to California," she said by way of making conversation on the wet earth with the stick. "Presently," he drawled.

Boots flushed. If he thought she was interested—if he only remotely knew how unimportant his coming and going were to her! She began to scramble to her feet, feeling she hated this handsome, well-dressed young man who was so definitely certain of himself and his place in the world.

He put out a lean brown hand to detain her. Even through her annoyance she was conscious of the strength of those warm brown fingers with their well-cared-for nails, their look of leashed power.

"Ah, don't go," he said, on a note of penitence. "There I was, thinking you'd talk to me a minute. You're forever on the wing!"

"Am I?" Boots wanted to know, arrested by this view of her.

"Yes. You're always scrambling in or out of a car or rushing to swim or something," he complained in his agreeable deep voice. "I stopped by to ask you to come and have tea with me the other day. You were out—the beach or someplace, the coloured woman said."

Linda had never told her. Not that it mattered. So he had "stopped by," had he?

Suddenly Boots, warmed by his friendliness, his obvious desire to please, was conscious of a desire to confide in him. He was the perfect confidant, a man of the world, sophisticated, tolerant.

No, she couldn't do that. She daredn't tell him or anyone! Stated baldly, it sounded too fantastic.

"There's a man I know," he hadn't any money or any background or education. But I'm in love with him. He wants me to marry him so away, live sort of gypsy life. At home I'm at a standstill. I'm person non grata with the younger crowd, right now. I'm unhappy. I

want to begin to live. It's terrible to be young and bottled up. What shall I do?"

Ah, she knew what he would say, what any intelligent, disinterested person would say. "Wait—carry out some sort of career for yourself—be brave, patient. Life won't pass you by!"

It was easy to say that—easy to counsel patience, courage, mean-own grit waited, with his dogged look of devotion, his calm, flattering look of devotion. Boots felt what every girl blossoming into womanhood feels—the urgent need of being wanted. Ignorant of the forces working within her, she was conscious only of a growing desire to do things, to be all that was lovely and desirable, adequate in any situation, however difficult.

She could, the thought, have been a pioneer woman, gallant in danger, resourceful in difficulties. Why, her own great grandmother, at her age, had been married for two years—had had a child! As it was, every-one treated her like a child, still. She was told to run away and play when she spoke of anything more serious than a sorority tea. It was humiliating, maddening. Russ would free her from that sort of thing. All this raced through her mind as she watched the lean brown hand of Denis Fenway reaching for a cigarette in the pocket of his flannel coat.

He looked up at her, a keen, observant glance. "Don't want to tell me, eh?"

"No," she stammered, all confusion. "I—I don't think so." She looked away, struck by some flash of insight in those narrow dark blue eyes.

"How—how are you?" she blurted out suddenly, scarcely realizing what she was saying.

"I'm 27," he told her gravely. "Why?"

"I just wondered." Just a few years older than Russ, she was musing. "You've done a lot, been successful, haven't you?"

He shrugged, modestly disclaiming this view. "I've been lucky. I finished college earlier than most people. I had—breaks. A first novel at 24. It happened to sell. I met the right crowd in New York, my stuff began to go well."

Boots looked at him in her hands. Her heart-shaped face, framed in his gilt halo, was very serious. Her brown eyes, faintly flecked with amber, stared straight past him.

"Do you honestly think that breaks are what count?" she demanded. "Do you think life is mapped out for us or that we make our own decision?"

Age-old question, age-old problem! The young man, thus gravely challenged, gave her a fleeting glance.

"I don't honestly know," he said. "I think luck has a lot to do with it. You meet me this morning. We have a talk—maybe the whole course of your life is changed. If you hadn't waked early perhaps everything would be different."

"Ah, but we haven't said anything that matters, really," Boots offered shyly. "I haven't asked advice. You haven't given any. So what?"

He shrugged his shoulders. "I meant—if you had asked me! Then I should have told you precisely what I thought, pulling on my old gray beard, and you would have gone home strengthened, comforted."

His eyes had the glint of a twinkle in them. "You're laughing at me," Boots said, affronted.

"Oh, but I'm not. Honestly!" A silence fell between them. The blue waters lapped the shore. Far out gulls wheeled and swooped. On the deck of a tiny little launch, riding at anchor just beyond the point, a sailor in blue jeans appeared hoisting a flag. It was very quiet and peaceful. Life and its troubles seemed far away.

"How could I get a job?" Boots demanded abruptly. "I'm ignorant. I haven't any training. But I'm young and strong and willing. I'm anxious to learn. What could I do?"

"Slim and serious," with her curls spiraling around her flushed face, her small hands locked around her knees, she looked up and nodded. "I don't know," he muttered half to himself. "There ought to be some-

thing we could dig up for you. Library work... a book shop... "Oh, if you could!" she told him, passionately. She got to her feet. "I must be getting back," she told him with a nervous laugh. "It's past seven. They'll think I've been kidnapped."

"I'll call you," he told her, erect beside her. "I'll let you know. Something may turn up..."

She didn't dare to say to him: "If I don't run away and marry within a week I'll take you up on that. But her slim fingers lost themselves in his big clasp and the smile that she gave him was compounded of many things—gratitude, the dawn of liking, hopefulness.

Denis Fenway stood looking after her before resuming his walk. "Pretty little thing," he said to himself, striking at the rocks with his stick. "Wonder what she's worried about. Some fool kid or other..."

He wondered why the thought vaguely annoyed him. Why should this golden-haired child with the enormous eyes and the sweet husky voice be interested in one of the cubs roundabout? "I'm going home next week, it's none of my affair," he told himself harshly. He would be in Carmel this time next week, deep at work in the big raftered living room of his beach house there. He would have forgotten all about Boots Rieburn and the way her velvet dark eyes looked, spangled with fresh tears.

He told himself his interest in her was purely academic. When he went to town for lunch he would ask Abbot Fairman if there were any openings in his office. She seemed a bright child. She had a pleasant personality...

Russ Lund watched him from a ledge of rock, black hatred in his heart. What had Boots been talking about for so long to that writer bird? And why had she come out to meet him? (To Be Continued.)

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### ARMY CONTRACTOR MURDER.

#### STRONG PROTEST LODGED BY JAPANESE

Tientsin, Sept. 26.

According to Japanese Press reports the Japanese Consul General, Mr. Tanaka, has been in conference with Colonels Saki, Shibayama and Giga, three military representatives, regarding the murder of a man named Miyagoshi, a contractor to the Japanese Army, at Lintolfin, when returning from Tongshan on September 12.

It is understood that they have decided to lodge a strong protest with General Yu Haueh-chung and take the matter up with General Huang Fu, Chairman of the Peiping Military Council.

General Yu Haueh-chung has ordered the arrest of the murderer within ten days and has offered a reward of a substantial amount for information.

Several relatives of the accused man have already been arrested while a detail from the Bodyguard has been sent from Tientsin to assist the local authorities in their search for the accused.

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#### CHINESE EXPORTERS

Nanking, Sept. 26.

At the request of Chinese exporters of eggs, who complain that their trade has been severely affected by recently promulgated customs rates imposed by the British and French Governments, the Nanking Ministry of Industry is investigating with a view to formulating measures for the protection of their interests.

Central News.

#### IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—President Pierce, Kulmerland, Clam, Nagato Maru, Theseus, General Lee, Clyde Maru, President McKinley, Agamemnon, President Hayes, Tokushima Maru.

J. M. Jack, of No. 6 Essex Crescent, was fined \$50 on two summonses at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones for allowing a dog out in Cumberland Road on August 25 and 31, without a muzzle. C. H. Basto, of No. 9 Devon Road, was summoned for allowing a dog out in Devon Road and was fined \$25. A similar fine was imposed on F. D. Alves for the same offence.

### EXTRADITION CASE ENDS

#### Fugitive Committed To Gaol

The lengthy extradition proceedings against Leung Shu-fan, alias Leung Kit-man, were brought to a close before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the fugitive was committed on two charges of armed robbery to gaol, to await the further orders of His Excellency the Governor.

The two charges on which the accused was committed related to an armed robbery on January 26, 1930, when the fugitive was alleged to have attacked the house of Yung Chi-nam, with a band of robbers, in Tin Tong village, Sanhing District, and to have stolen money to the total of \$7,000, and to an armed robbery on February 1, 1932, in the Tung Wah Che village, near Tin Tong, when the fugitive was alleged to have entered the house of Wong Chun-pang, and stolen money, jewellery and clothing. Another charge of armed robbery in the Tung Wah Che village, was withdrawn during the hearing of the case.

#### NO POLITICAL ASPECT.

In committing the fugitive on the first charge, Mr. Hamilton said it was manifest that the crime alleged was armed robbery, which was not in itself a political crime. He was not satisfied that the requisition for the extradition was to try or punish the fugitive for an offence of a political character.

On the other charge, Mr. Hamilton said that he found that the evidence submitted would be sufficient to put the fugitive on trial and he could not find any political motives.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, appearing for the fugitive, addressed the Court at length on both charges. On the first charge, Mr. Prentis submitted that the fact that the pardon, which was granted the fugitive, had now been revoked, and an attempt had been made to extradite him for an offence which was committed while he was a member of the opposing force to the Cantonese Army, was evidence that the offence must be of a

### ROUTLEY CASE REHEARING

#### RESTRICTED TO MEDICAL EVIDENCE

The case in which William Gordon Routley, of the Public Works Department, who was recently convicted of assaulting Mrs. Lam Yuet-fong, and fined \$100 with a further \$15 as compensation, reached another stage at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. J. B. H. Lee, the Magistrate, gave his decision with regard to the application of Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared on behalf of Routley, for a re-hearing of the case. He said that no useful purpose would be served by his hearing the other witnesses, but he would grant a re-hearing for part of the case, namely, the medical evidence only.

His Worship would therefore allow the doctor to be recalled and cross-examined by the defendant's solicitor on that part of the case only.

His Worship fixed 2.30 p.m. on Monday, October 8, for this purpose.

Mr. Peter Sin appeared on behalf of Mrs. Lam Yuet-fong.

political character. Moreover, the chief motive for the proceedings on the charge was to try the fugitive for being a member of General Chang Fat-fui's forces in 1929.

#### COMPLETE ALIBI.

On the other charge, Mr. Prentis submitted that the fugitive had put up the defence of a complete alibi, and had said that he was in North China at the time of the offence. With regard to the political aspect, Mr. Prentis submitted that if Mr. Hamilton found that the fugitive's story was true, then there must be some ulterior motive for the application for extradition and although the two charges were not connected in any way, he would ask his Worship to bear in mind that there was a prior application for extradition, and that it was possible that the other charge was brought merely to strengthen the case, and to enable the fugitive to be apprehended for a political purpose. If there was a political aspect to the first charge, there must be one to the other charge.

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Stock	Price In Paces	Asked Bid Sales Volume
Antamok Goldfields	0.48 0.46	—
Baguio Gold Mining	0.86 0.85	0.85 0000
Benquet Consolidated	\$2.00 \$2.00	\$2.00 0000
Gold River	0.18 0.17	0.18 4000
Iron Gold Mines	1.10 1.00	1.10 1000
Iron Mining Co.	5.00 4.80	—
Palawan Mining Co.	0.15 0.14	0.14 1000
Hypoc Consolidated	0.25 0.22	0.24 0000
United Parale	0.26 0.23	0.24 2000
B. C. & P. Gold share Index	71.8	Market
Securities Volume Paces	44,000	—

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